

THE BOLQUES BULLETIN

A Bimestrial Update from the Office of Angel Bolques Jr. Senator-At-Large
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HONORING SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Resolution No. 1909: Honoring the St. Croix Majorettes: This resolution honors the St. Croix Majorettes for their 50 years of dedication to youth development, community service, and the art of baton twirling.

Resolution No. 1913: Commending Miguel Santos, Jr. This resolution commends Miguel Santos, Jr., known as DJ Poppy Pops, for his contributions to music and radio broadcasting in the Virgin Islands. His work has enriched the local music scene, promoted Virgin Islands culture, and set a high standard for regional radio broadcasting.

Act No. 8783: Honoring former Senator Almando "Rocky" Liburd for his lifetime of service by renaming the North Shore Road on St. John to "The Almando 'Rocky' Liburd Drive.

Act No. 8690: Amending the Virgin Islands Code for Retirees' Employment: This act allows retired government employees to return to temporary or contractual government service without affecting their retirement status or annuities, therefore maintaining their financial retirement benefits.

YOUTH AND RECREATION

Act No. 8696: Appropriates \$250,000 to the Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation to fund the second phase of the Cruz Bay playground. This investment enhances recreational facilities for the community, promotes outdoor activities, and contributes to the well-being of St. John's residents and visitors.



PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Allocates \$600,000 to Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services (VIFEMS) for the purchase of two Type-3 pumper fire trucks for the island of St. John, enhancing the island's emergency response capabilities and ensuring better protection for residents and their property.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE YOUTH

Act No. 8798: Establishes the Safe Haven Newborn Protection Act, providing a secure, legal, and anonymous option for safely relinquishing newborns in high-risk situations, such as abandonment, mental health, substance abuse, or danger, to prevent harm to infant newborns and creating a framework for support with the Virgin Islands Department of Health and Human Services.



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EDUCATION AND ECONOMY

Act No. 8817: Establishes an educational scholarship program to support and promote local Virgin Islanders pursuing careers in the maritime industry. This initiative is crucial for empowering our residents, securing local leadership, and sustaining the growth of a vital economic sector for the Virgin Islands.



GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIO EXPANSION

Act No. 8802: Allocates \$2,500,000 for purchasing the Department of Labor building in St. Thomas, expanding the government's property portfolio, exponentially reducing rent dependency of the Department and the Government of the Virgin Islands, and enhancing financial stability long-term.

CULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Act No. 8841: Establishes an official dish and dessert for the Virgin Islands, celebrating our rich culinary heritage. This act strengthens cultural identity, promotes local traditions, drives tourism, and opens economic opportunities for businesses, artisans, and the broader community, ensuring our unique flavors and history are recognized and preserved.



GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND EFFICIENCY

Act No. 8735: Amends Title 3 of the Virgin Islands Code to clarify and expand the duties of the Executive Director of the Taxicab Commission, granting greater autonomy to conduct administrative functions without requiring board approval, thereby enhancing operational efficiency and decision-making within the taxi transportation sector.

BILL CURRENTLY IN THE PIPELINE

Bill No. 35-0031: Creating the Child Victims' and Child Witnesses' Rights Act - This bill protects our most vulnerable—our children—when they are involved in legal cases as victims or witnesses.

Bill No. 35-0129: Appropriating \$350,000 for a Feasibility Study on Reopening Certain Roads on St. John Linking Cruz Bay and Coral Bay - This bill funds a study to explore reopening key roads between Cruz Bay and Coral Bay, which could greatly improve transportation and daily life on St. John.

Bill No. 35-0181: Requiring the Identification of Cemetery Property on St. John - This bill ensures that cemetery properties on St. John are properly identified and protected.

Bill No. 35-0271: Establishing School Speed Zones and Enforcement Measures for Pedestrian Safety Near Schools—This bill prioritizes the safety of our children as they travel to and from school by establishing school speed zones and enforcement measures. It's a common-sense measure that helps prevent accidents and ensures our schools are safer for students and families across the Virgin Islands.

Bill No. 35-0272: Increasing the Motor Vehicle Rental Surcharge and Funding in the District - This bill increases the surcharge on tourist vehicle rentals, providing additional funds to our treasury that can be used for important public projects and services. This extra revenue will benefit our infrastructure and improve the daily lives of people in the Virgin Islands.

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