

ACT NO. 7894

BILL NO. 31-0333

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

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An Act amending title 25 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 405 relating to the mooring and anchoring of vessels in the Virgin Islands to provide for increases in the fee schedules and to direct the Commissioner of Planning and Natural Resources to charge a \$100 fee for permit processing and a \$500 fee for requested enforcement vessel assistance

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 25 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 16, section 405 is amended in the following instances:

(a) The title is amended after "Mooring" by inserting "and Anchoring";

(b) Subsection (a) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence by striking the phrase "section 403 of"; and

(2) in the third sentence by striking "an annual fee of five dollars (\$5.00)" and inserting "a fee", and by inserting "or anchor" after "mooring", and adding "The fee for the use of the mooring is an annual fee, and the fee for the use of the anchor is a monthly fee".

(c) Subsection (e) is re-designated as subsection (g) and amended by striking the first sentence in its entirety;

(d) A new subsection (e) is added and reads as follows:

"(e) The annual vessel mooring fees and the monthly vessel anchoring fees are as established in Schedules I and II of this subsection

SCHEDULE I. VESSEL MOORING FEE BY CLASS

CLASS	LENGTH	TYPE/USE	FEE (PER FOOT)
CLASS A	Less than 16'	Pleasure	\$10.00
		Commercial	\$20.00
CLASS I	16' to less than 26'	Pleasure	\$10.00
		Live-Aboard/Houseboat	\$15.00
		Commercial	\$20.00
CLASS II	26' to less than 40'	Pleasure	\$10.00
		Live-Aboard/Houseboat	\$15.00
		Commercial	\$20.00
CLASS III	40' to less than 65'	Pleasure	\$10.00
		Live-Aboard/Houseboat	\$15.00
		Commercial	\$20.00
CLASS IV	Greater than 65'	Pleasure	\$10.00
		Live-Aboard/Houseboat	\$15.00
		Commercial	\$20.00
	Environmental Impact Fee		

SCHEDULE II. VESSEL ANCHORING FEE BY CLASS

CLASS	LENGTH	TYPE/USE	FEE (PER FOOT)
CLASS A	Less than 16'	Pleasure	\$2.00
		Commercial	\$3.00
CLASS I	16' to less than 26'	Pleasure	\$2.00
		Live-Aboard/Houseboat	\$3.00
		Commercial	\$3.00
CLASS II	26' to less than 40'	Pleasure	\$2.00
		Live-Aboard/Houseboat	\$3.00
		Commercial	\$3.00
CLASS III	40' to less than 65'	Pleasure	\$2.00
		Live-Aboard/Houseboat	\$3.00
		Commercial	\$3.00
CLASS IV	Greater than 65'	Pleasure	\$2.00
		Live-Aboard/Houseboat	\$3.00
		Commercial	\$3.00
	Environmental Impact Fee		

(e) Subsections (h) and (i) are added and read as follows:

“(h) Fifty percent of the fees collected pursuant to subsection (e) of this section must be covered over into the Natural Resources Reclamation Fund under title 12 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 21, section 911(f)(4), and fifty percent is designated for the marine enforcement unit under the Department of Planning & Natural Resources.

(i) Other fees.

The Department shall charge:

- (1) a Marine Event Permit Fee of \$100.00 for permit processing; and
- (2) a \$500.00 fee for any requested enforcement vessel assistance.

(3) For purposes of paragraph (1), "Marine Event" means any event held on the water which would require a permit."

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on June 29, 2016.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 15th Day of July, A.D., 2016.



Neville James
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 President

Myron D. Jackson
 Myron D. Jackson
 Legislative Secretary

Bill No. 31-0333 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, this 30th day of July, 2016 A.D.



Kenneth E. Mapp
 Kenneth E. Mapp
 Governor