



# Senator Donna Frett-Gregory

President, 34<sup>th</sup> Legislature of the U.S. Virgin Islands

## A List of Senator Frett-Gregory's Legislation Signed into Law

1. **Act No. 8444-** Improves the process for the Department of Planning & Natural Resources by reducing the time limits for action to be taken on an application for a building permit by establishing a 5-day period for the applicant to be notified that their application was received. Also, requires the Department of Planning & Natural Resources to implement an electronic permitting system and allots that 3 percent of all building permit fees be deposited into the Department's Natural Resources Reclamation Fund.
2. **Act No. 8445-** Regulates the territory's governmental boards and commissions through authorizing that the Governor nominate persons to boards and commissions 60 days before the expiration of term of an existing member. This Act also clarifies the limitation of the number of governmental boards and commissions on which commissioners and directors of the government may serve.
3. **Act 8448-** Appropriates \$2,275,000 from the Communities Facilities Trust Account for the pier at King's Alley Hotel in Christiansted, the dock at Gallows Bay Marine Facility, the roll-on/roll-off ramp at the Gordon A. Finch Molasses Pier at Krause Lagoon, and the implementation of a Drag Racing Strip at Plot 12 A-A VICORP Land.
4. **Act 8451-** Increases the Grand Total General Fund appropriations for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Appropriates \$3,533,333.34 from the GVI's operating budget to the Department of Justice to pay the settlement agreement of Joe Harold Vanterpool in Vanterpool Enterprises v. Government of the Virgin Islands. This Act also appropriates \$2,000,000 to the Department of Labor for the payment of outstanding worker's compensation payments to medical providers, and \$40,000 to Clean Sweep Frederiksted for the beautification of the town of Frederiksted.
5. **Act 8454-** Appropriates the excess debt service reserve funds for the outstanding Matching Fund Revenue Bonds to fund urgently needed capital projects across the territory, including drainage improvement, paving, striping, milling, and road reclamation.
6. **Act 8458-** Provides a more accurate account of the amount of gasoline imported into the territory by collecting tax upon importation and in this way ensures that all relevant taxes are immediately collected.
7. **Act 8467-** Enacted the Virgin Islands Timeshare Act which regulates time share plans located in the territory and sales that occur in the territory.
8. **Act 8469-** Retroactively restores the 8% reduction in salaries to the employees of the Government of the Virgin Islands.
9. **Act 8471-** Establishes the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority as a public utility subject to regulation by the Public Services Commission which functions to ensure that Virgin Islanders have well- functioning, efficient and fair public utilities.

10. **Act 8474-** Appropriates money from the General Funds of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the operation of the Government of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.
11. **Act 8494-** Appropriates funding from the Tourism Advertising Revolving Fund to the Office of the Governor, Department of Education, Virgin Islands Police Department, the Department of Public Works, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Sports, Parks and Recreation and the Department of Tourism during the fiscal year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.
12. **Act 8502-** Transfers property from the Government of the Virgin Islands and authorizes the rezoning of this property to be used by the University of the Virgin Islands Research and Technology Park Corporation for an economic development project dedicated to agricultural research and technology.
13. **Act 8511-** Improves the efficiency of the Department of Public Works by directing the Commissioner to maintain master contracts for providing governmental entities with architectural and engineering services for construction, expansion, renovation, major maintenance, rehabilitation, or replacement projects with a cost less than \$500,000 over the life of the project.
14. **Act 8512-** Transfers the former Addelita Cancryn Junior High School property to the VI Port Authority to be used as a marine transshipment facility. Fifty percent of net income generated from the property will also be directed to the Education Maintenance Fund to benefit the territory's public schools.
15. **Act 8540-** Refinances the Rum Cover-Over Matching Fund bonds and uses the savings from better interest rates earned to stabilize the Government Employees' Retirement System for the next 30 years. The GERS is anticipated to receive approximately \$3.8 Billion Dollars over the next 30 years.
16. **Act 8544-** Honors and commends Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster, 4<sup>th</sup> President of UVI, for her contributions in research and science to the Virgin Islands, the University of the Virgin Islands and the broader Caribbean community. This legislation also renames the University of the Virgin Islands Administration and Conference Center in Dr. Ragster's honor.
17. **Act 8550-** Establishes a longitudinal data system within the Office of the Governor known as the Virgin Islands Virtual Information System. Entities will be able to use the data obtained through VIVIS to better implement effective programs, services, and policies.
18. **Act 8551-** Requires the Bureau of Corrections and the Virgin Islands Attorney General's Office to notify expeditiously victims of crimes involving physical harm of the release of their alleged perpetrator
19. **Act 8559-** Amends portions of the Economic Development Program to incentivize beneficiaries to further their commitments to investment in the Virgin Islands community.

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