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BILL NO. 32-0311

Thirty-Second Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 26, 2018

An Act ratifying the Agreement for Group Medical Health Insurance and the Agreement for Group Dental Health Insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company; and ratifying the Agreement for Vision Insurance and the Agreement for Group Life Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Standard Insurance Company

PROPOSED BY: Senator Myron D. Jackson by Request of the Governor

1 **WHEREAS**, the Government of the Virgin Islands provides group health benefits to
2 eligible, government employees, retirees, and their dependents; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Virgin Islands Code in title 3, section 633 (b) requires the Health
4 Insurance Board of Trustees at least once every five years and at least 180 days before the
5 termination of an existing contract to invite proposals from all interested and qualified insurers
6 desiring to provide insurance coverage and to execute an agreement to purchase an insurance
7 contract and submit the agreement to the Governor for approval and the Legislature for
8 ratification not less than 120 days before the termination of an existing contract; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the applicable law, the Government issued Request for
10 Proposal No. 2018-01 to solicit proposals from companies interested in providing health
11 insurance coverage for the Government of the Virgin Islands; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company and the Standard Insurance
2 Company, along with other health insurance companies, submitted proposals to provide health
3 insurance benefits to Government; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Government has accepted the proposals of the Cigna Group Health and
5 Life Insurance Company to provide group medical health Insurance and group dental health
6 insurance for a term of 12 months, respectively, has also accepted the proposals of the Standard
7 Insurance Company to provide vision insurance for a term of 24 months and group life and
8 accidental death and dismemberment insurance for a term of 36 months, and has negotiated
9 and executed agreements with the two companies, which were approved by the Governor; and

10 **WHEREAS**, title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, subchapter VIII, section 633(b)
11 requires the Legislature of the Virgin Islands to ratify health insurance agreements approved
12 by the Governor; Now, Therefore,

13 ***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:***

14 **SECTION 1.** Pursuant to title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, subchapter VIII,
15 section 633 (b) , the Legislature of the Virgin Islands ratifies and approves the Agreement for
16 Group Medical Health Insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands through the
17 Health Insurance Board of Trustees, the Virgin Islands Port Authority, the University of the
18 Virgin Islands, the St. Thomas East End Medical Center, Inc., the Frederiksted Health Care,
19 Inc., and the Virgin Islands Housing Authority; and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company,
20 which is attached to this act and, with all its addenda, documents and exhibits, is made a part
21 of this act.

22 **SECTION 2.** Pursuant to title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, subchapter VIII,
23 section 633 (b), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands ratifies and approves the Agreement for
24 Group Dental Health Insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands through the
25 Health Insurance Board of Trustees, the Virgin Islands Port Authority, the University of the

Virgin Islands, the St. Thomas East End Medical Center, Inc., the Frederiksted Health Care, Inc., and the Virgin Islands Housing Authority; and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company, which is attached to this act and, with all its addenda, documents and exhibits, is made a part of this act.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, subchapter VIII, section 633 (b), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands ratifies and approves the Agreement for Vision Insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands through the Health Insurance Board of Trustees, the Virgin Islands Port Authority, the University of the Virgin Islands, the St. Thomas East End Medical Center, Inc., and the Frederiksted Health Care, Inc; and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company, which is attached to this act and, with all its addenda, documents and exhibits, is made a part of this act.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, subchapter VIII, section 633 (b), the Legislature of the Virgin Islands ratifies and approves the Agreement for Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance between the Government of the Virgin Islands through the Health Insurance Board of Trustees, the Virgin Islands Port Authority, the University of the Virgin Islands, the St. Thomas East End Medical Center, Inc., and the Frederiksted Health Care, Inc.; and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company, which is attached to this act, and, with all its documents and exhibits, is made a part of this act.

BILL SUMMARY

Section 1 ratifies the Agreement for Group Medical Health Insurance between the Government and Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company.

Section 2 ratifies the Agreement for Group Dental Health Insurance between the Government and Cigna.

Section 3 ratifies the Agreement for Vision Insurance between the Government and Standard Insurance Company, and section 4 ratifies the Agreement for Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment with Standard Life Insurance Company.

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