

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND AGRICULTURE

BILL NO. 32-0104

Thirty-Second Legislature of the Virgin Islands

May 19, 2017

An Act to conduct a feasibility study on the implementation of a composting program in the Virgin Islands

PROPOSED BY: Senator Sammuel Sanes

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. (a) Pursuant to the authority conferred by the Virgin Islands Code, title 3, chapter 17, sections 290 *et. seq.* and title 29, chapter 8, section 494 *et. seq.*, the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and the Board of Directors of the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority in collaboration shall jointly conduct a feasibility study on the implementation of a composting program in the Virgin Islands.

(b) The study must include, but not be limited to:

(1) Programs to educate and inform the general public on the benefits of composting focusing on home composting with the basic idea of reducing landfill waste;

(2) Programs that offer resources, classes and basic supplies for home composting;

(3) The science and mechanics of indoor and outdoor composting;

1 (4) An organic waste recovery program; and

2 (5) Host sites in each district and their staffing and funding needs.

3 **SECTION 2.** In addition to the requirements for the feasibility study contained,
4 the study must contain:

5 (1) A cost estimate and assessment of the efficacy of having a composting
6 program in the Virgin Islands under the administration of either the Department of
7 Agriculture or the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority or under their joint
8 administration; and

9 (2) The projected revenues that may be derived, if any.

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BILL SUMMARY

12 This Bill requires a feasibility study on the implementation of a Composting
13 Programs in the Virgin Islands to be completed by the Department of Agriculture and the
14 Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority. Section 2 of the Bill requires that the study
15 assess which Department or agency of the government is best suited to assume jurisdiction
16 over the Program.

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