BILL NO. <u>30-0096</u>

Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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An Act to amend title 19, part II, chapter 18, section 291 of the Virgin Islands Code by including any federally qualified health center among the facilities permitted to provide minors with treatment for pregnancy, communicable disease, and drug or controlled substance abuse, emergency medical or surgical treatment, and family planning services

PROPOSED BY: Senator Sammuel Sanes

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands: 2 **SECTION 1.** Title 19, part II, chapter 18, section 291 of the Virgin Islands Code is amended as 3 follows: 4 (1) By inserting after the word "hospital" the words ", or any Federally Qualified Health Center 5 as designated by the Bureau of Primary Health Care and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid 6 Services,"; and 7 (2) By adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows: 8 "(f) Behavioral health services."

BILL SUMMARY This bill amends title 19, part II, chapter 18, section 291 of the Virgin Islands Code by including any federally qualified health center among the facilities permitted to provide minors with treatment for pregnancy, communicable disease, and drug or controlled substance abuse, emergency medical or surgical treatment, and family planning services. BR13-0569/May 7, 2013/EEM/Reviewed by MMH