

HR 6116

To amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct review by the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Law

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Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jul 12, 2012
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 19, 2012
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Dec 13, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Law

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 28, 2012)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on November 14, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Amends the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands, with respect to the judicial procedure for appealing from the decisions of courts of the Virgin Islands to courts of the United States, to remove the temporary jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit to review by a writ of certiorari the final decisions of the highest court of the Virgin Islands.

Authorizes final judgments or decrees rendered by the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands to be reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court by writ of certiorari where the validity of a treaty or statute of the United States is drawn in question or where the validity of a statute of the Virgin Islands is drawn in question on the ground of its being repugnant to the Constitution, treaties, or laws of the United States, or where any title, right, privilege, or immunity is specially set up or claimed under the Constitution or the treaties or statutes of, or any commission held or authority exercised under, the United States.

Applies such U.S. Supreme Court reviewing authority to cases commenced on or after enactment of this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 28, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 28, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-226.
- **Dec 19, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 14, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 13, 2012:** Senate Committee on the Judiciary discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S8046)
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- **Dec 13, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
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- **Nov 15, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- **Nov 14, 2012:** Mr. Coble moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Nov 14, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6353-6355)
- **Nov 14, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6116.
- **Nov 14, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6353)
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- **Nov 14, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 14, 2012:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 19, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 12, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.