

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6116

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## AN ACT

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.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. DIRECT REVIEW BY U.S. SUPREME COURT OF**  
2 **DECISIONS OF VIRGIN ISLANDS SUPREME**  
3 **COURT.**

4 Section 23 of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin  
5 Islands (48 U.S.C. 1613) is amended by striking “: *Pro-*  
6 *vided, That*” and all that follows through the end and in-  
7 serting a period.

8 **SEC. 2. JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COURT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 81 of title 28, United  
10 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 **“§ 1260. Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands; certio-**  
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14 “Final judgments or decrees rendered by the Su-  
15 preme Court of the Virgin Islands may be reviewed by the  
16 Supreme Court by writ of certiorari where the validity of  
17 a treaty or statute of the United States is drawn in ques-  
18 tion or where the validity of a statute of the Virgin Islands  
19 is drawn in question on the ground of its being repugnant  
20 to the Constitution, treaties, or laws of the United States,  
21 or where any title, right, privilege, or immunity is specially  
22 set up or claimed under the Constitution or the treaties  
23 or statutes of, or any commission held or authority exer-  
24 cised under, the United States.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
2 tions for chapter 81 of title 28, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“1260. Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands; certiorari.”.

4 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 The amendments made by this Act apply to cases  
6 commenced on or after the date of the enactment of this  
7 Act.

Passed the House of Representatives November 14,  
2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*