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Mapp Signs Into Law Surfeit Of Bills; Vetoes Some

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ST. THOMAS -- Governor Kenneth Mapp has signed into law a number of bills forwarded to him by the 31st Legislature. The governor approve most of the measures, among them Bill No. 31-0473, which establishes the Bottled Water Act of 2016, and permits the Government of the Virgin Islands to enter into a public/private partnership to develop, construct and operate a bottled water plant for distribution and sale of bottled drinking water within the territory and also as an export.

Among the measures the governor vetoed, was Bill No. 31-0367, which sought to amend the involuntary commitment law — a legal process through which an individual who is deemed by a qualified agent to have symptoms of severe psychiatric disease is court-ordered into treatment in a mental institution — from a total of five to a total of 30 days.

The governor also vetoed Bill No. 31-0366, which sought to increase the emergency commitment that someone suffering with mental illness, drug or intoxication dependence — who is deemed an immediate threat to themselves or others — from a minimum of five to a maximum of 10 days. Currently, the commitment length is 48 hours to five days.

Mr. Mapp disapproved zoning measures as well. Find the full list below from the governor's transmittal letter to Senate President Neville James.

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