



**GOVERNMENT OF  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 378-1998**

**TO DESIGNATE THE VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF NURSING LICENSURE  
AS THE STATE AGENCY FOR NURSE AIDE TRAINING AND LICENSURE**

WHEREAS the Virgin Islands Board of Nursing Licensure serves as the central state agency with expertise in the licensure of all nursing personnel, and is responsible for establishing standards for nurse aide competency; and

WHEREAS the performance of these functions by this Board would be cost-affective and would avoid the creation of an additional administrative structure to perform identical functions; and

WHEREAS the registration of nurse aides are essential to allow the Virgin Islands nursing facilities to continue to participate in the federally funded Medicare and Medicaid programs; and

WHEREAS the loss of these federal funds would mean a reduction in access and quality of nursing care for needy, elderly institutionalized Virgin Islanders; and

WHEREAS the implementation of standards for training and registration of nurse aides may promote and enhance the quality of care provided to these Virgin Islanders;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 11 of the Revised Organic Act of 1954, as amended, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. The Virgin Islands Board of Nursing Licensure is hereby designated as the state agency responsible for the implementation of the nurse aide training and competency evaluation program. The Board shall also implement registration requirements for nurse aides employed in the Virgin Islands' long-term care facilities in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs as set forth in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, as amended.

SECTION 2. The Virgin Islands Board of Nursing Licensure shall establish such appropriate guidelines and procedures as set forth in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to be affixed at Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, A.D., 1998.



*[Handwritten Signature]*

**GOVERNOR**

ATTEST

*[Handwritten Signature]*

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**