



## **Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands**

### **PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 12 /2014-2015**

#### **Enhanced Penalty for Crimes Committed in Tourism and Financial Services Sectors**

**WHEREAS** there has been a significant increase in crime including robberies and burglaries, armed and otherwise, occurring in residential, tourism and financial services sectors of the Cayman Islands which have a potentially devastating effect on the residents of our districts and their enjoyment of their homes and communities, the central pillars of our economy and the external reputation of the Cayman Islands. Such crimes negatively affect every resident's and business' property value and profit, respectively, and increases the overall cost of living in the Cayman Islands.

**AND WHEREAS** the Cayman Islands Government has identified financial services, tourism (including medical tourism) as central pillars of the economy

**AND WHEREAS** it is not intended to fetter the Court's discretion in sentencing persons convicted for such offences but necessary to have a zero tolerance to such crimes which affect the entire population and to protect all law abiding residents of the Cayman Islands and its reputation internationally as safe and friendly destination and one of the preeminent finance and tourism centres in the world.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative Assembly considers whether the sentencing laws and guidelines of the Cayman Islands should be amended to expressly provide that crimes committed on these shores and particularly in residential, tourism and financial services sectors, attract double penalties and such actions be taken to change our laws to reflect the wishes of the members of our community to deter criminal activity on all three islands and adopt a zero tolerance position on such criminal activity.

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Fifth Elected Member for George Town

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Second Elected Member for George Town

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 11th day of November, 2014.

**Passed** by the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly this 8<sup>th</sup> of December, 2014.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly