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**THE GAMBLING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2015**

**MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The Bill seeks to amend the Gambling Law (1996 Revision) to exclude passenger ships from the application of the Law.

The Bill consists of three clauses. Clause 1 provides for the short title and commencement of the legislation.

Clause 2 amends section 2 of the principal Law to provide for additional definitions.

Clause 3 provides for the insertion of two new provisions. The first of the provisions states that the Law shall not apply to a Cayman Islands registered passenger ship operating under a contract of carriage while it is in international waters and on an international voyage. The second provision states that for the avoidance of doubt, gambling is not permitted on a vessel while the vessel is in port or in the territorial sea.

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ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

1. (1) This Law may be cited as the Gambling (Amendment) Law, 2015.

Short title and commencement

(2) This Law shall come into force on such date as may be appointed by Order made by the Cabinet.

2. The Gambling Law (1996 Revision) is amended in section 2 by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical sequence, the following definitions -

Amendment of section 2 of the Gambling Law (1996 Revision) - definitions and interpretation

“contract of carriage” means a contract made by or on behalf of a carrier for the carriage by sea of a passenger or of a passenger and luggage, as the case may be, but does not include a contract of carriage which is not for reward;

“international voyage” means a voyage between -

- (a) a port in the Cayman Islands and a port in a State or territory outside the Cayman Islands; or

- (b) a port in a State or territory outside of the Cayman Islands to a port in any other State or territory;

“international waters” means the high seas outside the territorial sea of any State or territory;

“passenger ship” means a ship carrying more than twelve passengers;

“territorial sea” in relation to -

- (a) a State means that area of sea established by a State in accordance with Article 3 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 20 December 1982;
- (b) the Cayman Islands has the meaning as in the Cayman Islands (Territorial Sea) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/2397); and
- (c) any other territory shall be in accordance with such legislation, decree, treaty or agreement establishing its territorial sea.”.

Insertion of sections 2A and 2B in the Gambling Law (1996 Revision) - application; prohibition while in port

3. The Gambling Law (1996 Revision) is amended by inserting after section 2 the following sections -

“Application      2A. This Law shall not apply to a Cayman Islands registered passenger ship operating under a contract of carriage while it is in international waters and on an international voyage.

Prohibition while in port      2B. For the avoidance of doubt, gambling is not permitted on a vessel described in section 2A nor on any other vessel while the vessel is in a port or in the territorial sea.”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the      day of      , 2015.

Speaker.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.