



# Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

## PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 19/2017-2018

Motion to introduce minimum sentences for Child Molesters

**WHEREAS** there is much public concern about the short custodial sentences that some convicted Child Molesters receive;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 17(1)(d) of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 ensures that every child has the right to be protected from maltreatment, neglect, abuse or degradation;

**AND WHEREAS** it is the responsibility of the Legislative body to ensure that there are laws that not only serve to protect but also to discourage or deter would be criminals who prey on the weak or the young;

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that Government considers amending Section 134 of the Penal Code (2017 Revision) to introduce a minimum sentence of 15 years for a person who unlawfully or carnally knows a girl under the age of 12;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Government considers amending Section 134 of the Penal Code (2017 Revision) to introduce a minimum sentence of 10 years for a person who unlawfully or carnally knows a girl between the age of twelve and sixteen;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Government considers amending Section 135 of the Penal Code (2017 Revision) to introduce a minimum sentence of 10 years for a person who knows a woman or girl to be of diminished capacity.

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Christopher S. Saunders, MLA  
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr Anthony S. Eden, MLA  
Elected Member for Savannah

Tabled in the Office of the Clerk this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

Passed/Rejected by the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly this     day of                             2018.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly