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I Assent

Helen Kilpatrick

Governor.

24<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**A LAW TO AMEND THE GAMBLING LAW (1996 REVISION) TO  
EXCLUDE SPECIFIED VESSELS AND RAFFLES HELD BY  
VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE  
LAW; AND FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED PURPOSES**

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 and different dates may be appointed for different provisions of this Law.
2. The Gambling Law (1996 Revision), in this Law referred to as the “principal Law”, 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;

“raffle” means the sale of numbered tickets one or more of which is drawn at random for the awarding of a prize;

“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 section 2A -  
application

3. The principal Law is amended by inserting after section 2 the following section -

“Application      2A.(1)      This Law shall not apply to -

- (a) a Cayman Islands registered passenger ship operating under a contract of carriage while it is in international waters and on an international voyage; and
- (b) raffles staged by churches, service organizations and other voluntary associations to raise funds for the programmes of the respective churches, organizations and associations.

(2) Section 158(h) of the Penal Code (2013 Revision)

shall not apply to persons who stage raffles in accordance with this Law.

(3) For the avoidance of doubt, gambling is not permitted on a vessel described in subsection (1)(a) nor on any other vessel while the vessel is in a port in the Islands or its territorial sea but is permitted in any port in any other territory or state that permits gambling in its port or its territorial sea.”.

4. The principal Law is amended by inserting after section 23 the following section -

Insertion of section 23A  
- regulations

“Regulations 23A. The Cabinet may make regulations providing for the licensing of raffles including the mode and manner of application, the conduct of raffles, accounting for proceeds, fees, offences, appeal process and conditions or limitations to be attached to the licences.”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2015.

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