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I Assent

Duncan Taylor

Governor.

12th July, 2010

A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED PURPOSES

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

1. (1) This Law may be cited as the National Weather Service Law, 2010. Short title and commencement
- (2) This Law shall come into force on such date as may be appointed by Order made by the Governor in Cabinet.
2. In this Law - Interpretation
- “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Cayman Islands set out in Schedule 2 to the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009; S.I. 2009/1379
- “meteorological officer” means a public officer appointed under section 5(b);
- “Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for national weather services is assigned;
- “public officer” means a public officer as defined in section 124 of the Constitution; and

“Service” means the department of Government, called the Cayman Islands National Weather Service, established under section 3.

Cayman Islands
National Weather
Service

3. (1) There is established a department of Government called the Cayman Islands National Weather Service which shall be recognized as the authority for all weather, climate, seismic and other meteorological matters in the Islands.

(2) The Minister shall exercise general direction and control over the Service.

(3) The expenses of establishing the Service and all expenses arising out of or incidental to the performance of its functions shall be paid out of the general revenue of the Islands.

Functions of the Service

4. (1) The functions of the Service are to -
- (a) establish and maintain a national network of meteorological and seismic stations as necessary;
 - (b) forecast weather conditions and the state of the atmosphere;
 - (c) provide information and advice on meteorological and climate matters;
 - (d) provide information and advice to the Governor in Cabinet of severe weather conditions likely to affect the safety of human life or property in the Islands;
 - (e) issue tsunami warnings;
 - (f) provide meteorological services in order to ensure the safety and efficiency of aviation and marine services;
 - (g) provide meteorological data and advice for weather sensitive national development projects and other important weather sensitive economic activities;
 - (h) collect, collate, compile, record, archive and make available meteorological reports and information;
 - (i) arrange means of communication for the transmission and reception of meteorological reports and information in the Islands or outside the Islands;
 - (j) operate at the international standards required for observations used for general, aviation, maritime and other forecasts;
 - (k) participate in the work of the appropriate regional and international organizations, in particular, the Caribbean Meteorological Organisation, the World Meteorological Organisation and the International Civil Aviation Organisation;
 - (l) promote the advancement of meteorological science by means of meteorological research and investigation or otherwise;

- (m) conduct or make arrangements for the training of persons in meteorology; and
- (n) advise the Governor in Cabinet on all matters relating to meteorology, climate, hydrology and seismic activity.

(2) The Service shall perform its functions under this Law in the public interest generally and, in particular, for the purpose of -

- (a) navigation, shipping and civil aviation; and
- (b) assisting persons and authorities engaged in policy development, industry, trade and commerce.

5. The staff of the Service comprises -

Director General and staff

- (a) the Director General who shall be a public officer; and
- (b) such other public officers as may be necessary for the proper functioning of the Service.

6. (1) In addition to any duties conferred on the Director General by or under any other Law and subject to section 3(2), the Director General is responsible for -

Duties and powers of the Director General

- (a) the management, supervision and control of the Service; and
- (b) the administration and implementation of this Law.

(2) The Director General has such powers as are necessary to enable him to perform his duties under subsection (1).

7. A meteorological officer shall carry out the duties assigned by the Director General in addition to any duties imposed on the meteorological officer by this Law or any other Law.

Duties of meteorological officer

8. (1) Subject to subsection (2), regulations made under section 10(a) and any directions of the Minister, the Service may charge fees for weather forecasts, information, advice, publications and other services supplied pursuant to this Law.

Charge for services

(2) Fees payable under this Law shall be paid into the general revenue of the Islands.

9. (1) A person shall not interfere with or obstruct the Director General or a meteorological officer in the exercise of any function under this Law.

Offences

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term of one year, or to both.

Regulations

10. The Governor in Cabinet may make regulations -

- (a) providing for fees to be charged under section 8; and
- (b) generally for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Law.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the 30th day of June, 2010.

Mary J. Lawrence, JP

Speaker.

Zena Merren-Chin

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.