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**THE CORONERS (AMENDMENT) LAW, 2015**

**(LAW 7 of 2015)**

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I Assent

Helen Kilpatrick

Governor.

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

**A LAW TO AMEND THE CORONERS LAW (1995 REVISION) TO CLARIFY THE TYPES OF VERDICTS WHICH MAY BE GIVEN BY THE JURY IN A CORONERS COURT; TO MAKE OTHER MINOR CHANGES TO 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 Coroners (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 Coroners Law (1995 Revision), in this Law referred to as the “principal Law”, is amended in section 6 by repealing subsection (4) and substituting the following subsection-

Amendment of section 6  
of the Coroners Law  
(1995 Revision)- the  
jury

“(4) The verdict of the jury shall, subject to the evidence available, state-

- (a) the name and description of the deceased;
- (b) when the deceased came to his death;
- (c) where the deceased came to his death; and
- (d) the cause and manner of death.”.

3. The principal Law is amended in section 9 by repealing subsection (2).

Amendment of section  
9- recording of evidence  
at an inquest

Amendment of section 11- intervention by the Director of Public Prosecutions	4. The principal Law is amended in section 11 by deleting the word “depositions” and by substituting the words “statements taken in evidence under section 4”.
Amendment of section 14 - proceeding upon inquisition charging any person with a criminal offence	5. The principal Law is amended in section 14(2) as follows- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) by deleting the words “Clerk of the Grand Court” and by substituting the words “Director of Public Prosecutions”; and</li> <li>(b) by deleting the word “depositions” and by substituting the words “statements taken in evidence under section 4”.</li> </ul>
Repeal of section 22 and replacement- forms	6. The principal Law is amended by repealing section 22 and by substituting the following- <p style="margin-left: 40px;">“Forms      22. The Rules Committee of the Grand Court shall make and publish forms to give effect to this Law.”.</p>
Amendment of section 24- Rules	7. The principal Law is amended in section 24 by deleting the words “, subject to the approval of the Governor in Council,”.
Repeal of the Schedule	8. The principal Law is amended by repealing the Schedule.
Transitional provisions	9. (1) Every form used under the former Law shall be regarded as issued for use under this new Law until another form is issued under this new Law in place of that form. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(2) All inquests commenced under the former Law and not completed at the date of the commencement of this new Law shall be continued as if this new Law had not come into force.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) an inquest shall be considered to have commenced when the coroner notifies the Clerk of the Court of his intention to hold an inquest under section 6 and a jury is empanelled by the Clerk of the Court pursuant to such notice.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(4) In this section-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">“the former Law” means the principal Law in force immediately before the date of commencement of this Law; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">“this new Law” means the principal Law as amended by this Law.</p>

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

Julianna O' Connor- Connolly

Speaker.

Zena Merren-Chin

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.