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# THE YOUTH JUSTICE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

# MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill amends the Youth Justice Law (2005 Revision), to make provision for the application of cautions to persons under the age of eighteen. It also amends the First Schedule to remove references to "Her Majesty's pleasure" wherever it appears to bring the Law into conformity with the Constitution.

Clause 1 of the Bill provides the short title.

Clause 2 amends section 28 of the Law to make cautions applicable to a person under the age of eighteen.

Clause 3 amends paragraph 2 of the First Schedule to remove the references to "Her Majesty's pleasure" wherever they appear and replace them in each case with "the court's pleasure" to bring the law into conformity with the Constitution.

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ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

1. This Law may be cited as the Youth Justice (Amendment) Law, 2018.

Short title

2. The Youth Justice Law (2005 Revision), is amended in section 28 by inserting after subsection (5) the following subsection -

Amendment of section 28 of the Youth Justice Law (2005 Revision)

"(6) For the purposes of this section, "young person" means a person under the age of eighteen."

Amendment to First Schedule - custody and detention of young offenders 3. The Youth Justice Law (2005 Revision) is amended in paragraph 2 of the First Schedule by deleting the words "Her Majesty's pleasure" wherever they appear and substituting the words "the court's pleasure".

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the day of 2018.

Speaker.