

Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 9/2014-2015

Amendment to the Penal Code Law (2013 Revision)

Crime - Three Strikes and You are out

WHEREAS the Cayman Islands are experiencing increasing crime, particularly in the offences of robbery and burglary;

AND WHEREAS in some Districts these crimes are being committed by repeat offenders;

AND WHEREAS there have been instances where stolen goods have been found by the police and owners at pawn shops;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Government considers amendments to the Penal code Law (2013 Revision) to provide a system that mandates custodial sentences of up to ten years for either robbery or burglary on the third offense and to provide similar sentences for those who have more than three offenses on their next offense;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Government considers introducing legislation to regulate "Pawn Shops" and other business that may accept stolen goods, with severe penalties for handling stolen goods, including closing of the business on their third offense.

Moved by:	Mr. D Ezzard Miller, JP, MLA Elected Member for North Side
Seconded by:	Mr. V Arden McLean, JP, MLA Elected Member for East End

Tabled in the Office of the Clerk this 29th day of August, 2014.

Passed by the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly this 17th day of September, 2014.