



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 3 /2021-2022

Motion on

Allowing Background Music in Bars on Sundays

WHEREAS the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused an economic downturn and economic hardships across the globe, including in the Cayman Islands, where the estimated contraction in Real Gross Domestic Product in 2020 was 6.7%;

AND WHEREAS the cost of imported goods and fuel has not only increased significantly over the past year but is expected to rise further due to the impact of the pandemic and related issues, as well as because of the Russian / Ukrainian war;

AND WHEREAS stand-alone bars which are Caymanian owned, like many small businesses, are still struggling to recoup the losses over the last few years of the pandemic;

AND WHEREAS stand-alone bars are not currently allowed under the law to play background music on Sundays;

AND WHEREAS Caymanian business owners of stand-alone bars are reporting a loss of business on Sundays to bars at establishments such as hotels and restaurants that are allowed under the Music and Dancing (Control) Act to have suitable background music being played;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government consider amending the Music and Dancing (Control) Act to include licensed bars as premises that are allowed to play background music to be enjoyed by patrons on a Sunday, provided the music should not be heard outside the boundary of the establishment.

Moved By: Sir Alden McLaughlin, MP
Elected Member for Red Bay

Seconded By: Ms. Barbara Conolly, MP
Elected Member for George Town South

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 31st day of May, 2022.

Passed by the Cayman Islands Parliament this 9th day of June, 2022.

Clerk of Parliament