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**A BILL FOR A LAW TO PROVIDE FOR A SEASONAL VARIATION IN  
THE STANDARD TIME IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN PRACTICE IN ORDER TO  
FACILITATE THE ADOPTION OF DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IN THE  
CAYMAN ISLANDS; AND FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED  
PURPOSES**

**THE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BILL, 2015**

**MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for a seasonal variation in the standard time in the Cayman Islands to enable the Cayman Islands to adopt daylight saving time in accordance with the North American practice, from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November, beginning in March 2016.

It is envisaged that the adoption of daylight saving time in the Cayman Islands will bring several positive changes, including increased sunlight in the evenings, which could facilitate increased outdoor playtime for children, provide longer outdoor time for sports enthusiasts and encourage more family time outdoors in the evening.

It is also contemplated that the adoption of daylight saving time will be beneficial to the legal and financial industries as it will enable them to be in sync with a large North American client base, in particular, New York. In addition, it is estimated that some discrepancies in travel schedules due to the changes in time zones may be lessened which may result in ease of travel for both business persons and tourists.

Clause 1 of the Bill provides the short title and commencement by Order of Cabinet.

Clause 2 provides for the interpretation of the terms “Cayman Islands Standard Time” and “Cayman Islands Daylight Saving Time”.

Clauses 3 and 4 provide for the beginning and ending periods of daylight saving time.

Clause 5 provides for the change in references to time during daylight saving time to be effected in Laws, regulations, deeds, legal instruments and documents and specifies which activities are not affected by the time change brought about by daylight saving time.

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**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

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ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Law may be cited as the Daylight Saving Time Law, 2015.
- (2) This Law shall come into force on such date as may be appointed by Order made by the Cabinet.

Interpretation

2. In this Law -  
“Cayman Islands Daylight Saving Time” (abbreviated as “CIDST”) means the time which is one hour in advance of Cayman Islands Standard Time and four hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (“abbreviated as GMT”); and  
“Cayman Islands Standard Time” (abbreviated as “CIST”) means the time fixed for general purposes in the Cayman Islands, that is to say, five hours behind Greenwich Mean Time.

Cayman Islands Daylight Saving Time begins

3. Cayman Islands Daylight Saving Time begins at two o’clock in the morning on the second Sunday in the month of March of each year.

Cayman Islands Daylight Saving Time ends

4. Cayman Islands Daylight Saving Time ends at two o’clock in the morning on the first Sunday in the month of November of each year and at that time the Cayman Islands shall revert to Cayman Islands Standard Time.

5. (1) Whenever any reference is made to a point in time in any Law, regulation, deed, or other legal instrument or document, during the period that Cayman Islands Daylight Saving Time is in effect, the point in time referred to shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to be Cayman Islands Daylight Saving Time.

Extent of references to  
Daylight Saving Time

(2) Nothing in this Law shall affect the use of Greenwich Mean Time for the purposes of astronomy, meteorology, or navigation, or affect the construction of any document mentioning or referring to a point of time in connection with any of those purposes.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the                      day of                      , 2015.

Speaker.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.