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THE TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES (AMENDMENT) LAW, 1989 (LAW 20 OF 1989)

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I Assent

ALAN SCOTT

Governor

5th February 1990

ALAN SCOTT President.

GEORGETTE MYRIE

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

A LAW TO AMEND THE TOWNS AND COMMUNITIES LAW (Cap. 169)

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Towns and Communities (Amendment) Law, 1989.

Amendment of section 9 of the principal Law.

- 2. Section 9 of the Towns and Communities Law, in this Law referred to as the principal Law, is amended by -
 - (a) deletion of the words "nine pounds; or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding thirty days-" where they appear in the last two lines of the first paragraph, and substitution of the following-

"five hundred dollars; or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 6 months - ".

- (b) insertion of the words "or in any public place," -
 - (i) immediately after "town," in the first line;
 - (ii) immediately after "highway," in the second line,

of paragraph (a).

Amendment of section 12 of the principal Law.

- 3. Section 12 of the principal Law is amended by -
 - (a) deletion of subsection (l) and substitution of the following -
 - " (I) Any person who makes any noise in any town, or district which is likely to cause annoyance or discomfort to any inhabitant of that town or district, after having been required by a constable to desist from making such noise, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 for a first conviction; a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or 6 months' imprisonment or both such fine and imprisonment for a third or any subsequent conviction."
 - (b) deletion of the last three lines of subsection (2) and substitution of the following -

"and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 for a first conviction; a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for a second conviction; and a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or 6 months imprisonment or both such fine and imprisonment for a third or any subsequent conviction."

- (c) deletion of subsection (3) and substitution of the following-
 - " (3) Any occupier of premises from which noise is emitted which is likely to cause annoyance or discomfort to any inhabitant of the town or district in which the premises are located, and who is requested by a constable to cease such noise, shall cease that noise forthwith, and if the noise is not ceased forthwith shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 for a first conviction; a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for a second conviction; and a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or 6 months' imprisonment or both such fine and imprisonment for a third or any subsequent conviction."

Insertion of new sections 12A and 12B.

4. The principal Law is amended by insertion of the following new sections immediately after section 12 -

"Regulations.

12A. (1) Any person who generates noise or is the occupier of premises from which noise is emitted in excess of the prescribed

levels shall reduce such noise to within such prescribed levels if required to do so by a constable or an environmental health officer.

- (2) For the purposes of this section the Governor in Council may by Regulations prescribe -
 - a) levels of noise for the purposes of subsection (1), measured in decibels;
 - (b) methods of measurement of noise; and
 - (c) without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subsection, machines for measuring the level of noise.
- (3) Any person who fails to comply with the request of a constable or an environmental health officer made under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 for a first conviction; a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for a second conviction and a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or 6 months' imprisonment or both such fine and imprisonment for a third or any subsequent conviction.

Forfeiture.

12B. Upon conviction of an offence under the provisions of section 12 or 12A, in addition to any other penalty provided, the Court may order forfeiture of any equipment or device used in the commission of the offence."