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**THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN
(AMENDMENT) LAW, 1991
(LAW 19 OF 1991)**

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Governor

18th October, 1991

A LAW TO AMEND THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN LAW (REVISED)

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Adoption of Children (Amendment) Law, 1991.

Amendment of Sec. 2 of
the Law 42 of 1967.

2. Section 2 of the Adoption of Children Law (Revised) (hereinafter called "the principal Law") is amended by substituting the following for the definition of "child" –

" "child" means a person of the age of fourteen years or under;".

Amendment of sec. 9 of
the principal Law.

3. Section 9 of the principal Law is amended by substituting the following for subsection (2) –

"(2) An adoption order may be made on the joint application of two spouses who, at the date of the application, have been married and living together for not less than three years.".

Replacement of sec.
10(1) of the principal
Law.

4. Section 10(1) of the principal Law is replaced by the following –

"(1) An adoption order shall not be made in respect of a child unless –

- (a) the applicant, or in the case of a joint application, one of the applicants –

- (i) has attained the age of twenty-five years but is not over the age of sixty-five years; or
 - (ii) is the mother or father of the child; and
- (b) the child –
- (i) is born in the Islands; or
 - (ii) is the child of a person possessing Caymanian status; or
 - (iii) is, with the permission in writing of the Chief Immigration Officer for the express purposes of the adoption proceedings, resident in the Islands."

Amendment of the
Second Schedule to the
principal Law.

5. The Second Schedule to the principal Law is amended by adding at the end of paragraph (1) of rule 3, the following –

"A non-refundable fee of \$75.00 shall accompany the application for adoption of each child."

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the 11th day of September, 1991.

SYBIL McLAUGHLIN
Speaker.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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