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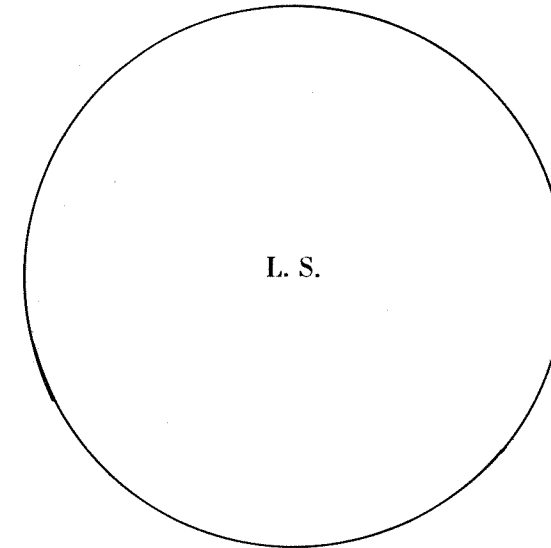
**THE CORONER'S  
(AMENDMENT) LAW, 1979  
(Law 20 of 1979)**

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Law 20 of 1979

I assent

**T. RUSSELL**

Governor

28th June, 1979.

**A LAW to amend the Coroner's Law, 1975  
(Law 15 of 1975).**

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Coroner's (Amendment) Law, 1979.

Law 15 of  
1975 amended.

2. The Coroner's Law, 1975, is amended —

A. in section 2 by adding in their proper alphabetical sequence three new definitions as follows —

“Clerk of the Court” has the meaning ascribed to it in the Grand Court Law;

“inquest” means an inquiry by a Coroner sitting with a jury;

“jury” means a jury empanelled under section 6; and

“verdict” means the verdict of a jury;”;

B. in section 5 by deleting —

(i) the dash (—) and the bracketed (a) following the first word “Whenever”

(ii) the semi-colon (;) and the word “or” following the third line; and

(iii) the whole of paragraph (b);

Law 8 of 1975

C. by deleting section 6 and substituting -

"The jury. 6. (1) Where an inquest is to be held the Coroner shall notify the time and place thereof to the Clerk of the Court who shall forthwith empanel a jury of twelve persons from the jury list compiled under section 13 of the Judicature Law (Revised) being persons who have not served on a jury under this Law or the Judicature Law (Revised) during the previous two years and summons them to appear at the time and place notified by the Coroner.

Judicature Law (R)

(2) At the convening of the inquest the Coroner shall select seven jurors from those present and the seven persons selected shall elect one of their number to be foreman.

(3) The verdict of the jury shall be that of the majority thereof.

(4) The verdict of the jury shall subject to the evidence available state -

- (a) the name and description of the deceased;
(b) the physical cause of death;
(c) how the death was brought about that is to say whether the death was occasioned -

- (i) by natural causes;
(ii) by misadventure;
(iii) by suicide and if so the presumed state of mind of the deceased;

(iv) by the unlawful act of any person or persons that is to say whether by criminal negligence, by the driving of a vehicle, by manslaughter, or by murder or any other offence contrary to the Penal Code.

Law 12 of 1975

(5) When the evidence is insufficient to enable a conclusion to be reached the verdict shall to that extent be an open one.

(6) In order to assist the jury to reach a verdict the Coroner shall sum up the evidence to them and explain to them any points of law and their duties under the law.

D. in section 12 -

- (i) by deleting "Coroner" from the marginal note; and
(ii) in the third line by substituting the word "the" for the word "his";

E. in section 13 -

in subsection (1)

- (i) by deleting the word "Coroner's" from the first line;
(ii) by deleting all words from and including "shall" to "and" in the second, third and fourth lines;
(iii) by inserting the words "if required" between the words "appear" and "at" in the fifth line;

by deleting the whole of subsection (2)

in subsection (3) by substituting the words "Attorney General" for "Clerk of the Grand Court.";

F. in section 16 -

by deleting all words following the figure "30" in the fifth line and substituting

"Law 14 of 1978 (1) of the Births and Deaths Registration Law.";

G. by deleting the whole of section 20;

H. in section 25 by inserting the words "jurors and" between the words "of" and "witnesses" in the first line.

Passed the Legislative Assembly this 11th day of June, 1979.

T. RUSSELL
President

SYBIL McLAUGHLIN
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

