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**THE FIRE BRIGADE (AMENDMENT) LAW, 1996  
(LAW 6 OF 1996)**

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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I Assent

JOHN OWEN  
Governor.

7 October, 1996.

**A LAW TO AMEND THE FIRE BRIGADE LAW  
(1995 REVISION)**

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

1. (1) This Law may be cited as the Fire Brigade (Amendment) Law, 1996. Short title and  
commencement  
  
(2) This Law shall come into force on such day as the Governor in Council may by order appoint and different days may be appointed for different purposes.
2. Section 2 of the Fire Brigade Law (1995 Revision) (hereinafter in this Law referred to as the principal Law) is amended as follows- Amendment of section 2  
of the Fire Brigade Law  
(1995 Revision)
  - (a) by repealing the definition “calamity”;
  - (b) by repealing the definition “fire hazard” and substituting the following new definition-  
“‘fire hazard’ means a hazard arising from a fire”; and
  - (c) by adding the following new definition in its appropriate alphabetical sequence-  
“‘hazard’ means any event, condition, act or thing which may cause, or increase the likelihood of, death, injury or illness to human beings, domestic animals, livestock or wildlife or the loss of, or injury to, property of any kind;”.
3. Section 5 of the principal Law is amended by- Amendment of section 5  
of the principal Law
  - (a) in paragraph (d) repealing the word “and”; and

- (b) repealing paragraph (e) and substituting the following-  
“(e) the release and rescue of persons and property from vehicles, aircraft and vessels in hazardous situations;”;
  - (c) inserting immediately after paragraph (e) the following new paragraphs-  
“(f) the control and mitigation of the effects of the escape or spilling of any hazardous substance;  
(g) any other responsibility or duty imposed on him by this Law; and  
(h) the enforcement of this Law.”.
- Amendment of section 7 of the principal Law      4.      Section 7 of the principal Law is amended by-
- (a) repealing the words “and only when”;
  - (b) adding, at the end of the section, the words “or in carrying out any of his duties falling within the scope of paragraphs (e) and (f) of section 5.”.
- Amendment of section 8 of the principal Law      5.      Section 8 of the principal Law is amended by-
- (a) in paragraph (e) repealing the word “and”;
  - (b) re-numbering paragraph (f) as paragraph (g);
  - (c) adding the following new paragraph (f) immediately following paragraph (e)-  
“(f) the carrying out of the duties imposed on them by this or any other Law; and”.
- Amendment of section 9 of the principal Law      6.      Section 9 of the principal Law is amended-
- (a) in subsection (2) by-
    - (i) repealing the word “fire-fighting”; and
    - (ii) repealing the word “calamity”, and substituting the words “immediate danger from any hazard to which this Law relates”; and
  - (b) by deleting subsection (4), and substituting the following new subsection-  
“(4) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (2), the Chief Fire Officer and any officer authorised in writing by him has, subject to section 14, right of entry to and search of any premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of carrying out any duty imposed upon him by this or any other Law.”;
  - (c) in subsection 5, by repealing the words “fire-fighting duties or averting a calamity” and substituting the words “carrying out any responsibility or duty imposed by this or any other Law.”.

7. Section 11 of the principal Law is repealed.

Repeal of section 11 of  
the principal Law  
Amendment of section  
15 of the principal Law

8. Section 15 of the principal Law is amended-

- (a) by repealing paragraphs (i) and (j) and substituting the following new paragraphs-
  - “(i) prescribing the form of any notice, order, permit or other document or thing required by the Law to be served, made, issued or done;
  - (j) securing with respect to buildings or premises that any standards laid down under this Law are observed;”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after paragraph (j) as amended the following new paragraphs-
  - “(k) securing the installation and maintenance in proper working order of systems, machinery and other things for the elimination or reduction of fire hazards, the control or management of fires and hazardous events;
  - (l) empowering an officer at a fire or a place where there is immediate danger from a hazard to which this Law relates to take, or direct, such action as may be necessary to control or extinguish the fire or avert the danger, to perform any rescue and do such other things as are reasonably necessary in the performance of his duty;
  - (m) authorising an officer exercising any power conferred by a regulation made under paragraph (l), by use of reasonable force if necessary, to prohibit any person, vehicle, vessel or object from approaching any fire or place, to remove or cause to be excluded for any reasonable time any person, vehicle, vessel or thing from any area affected or likely to be affected by the fire or danger concerned;
  - (n) preventing any obstruction of, or hindrance to, any officer performing any duty imposed upon him by this Law;
  - (o) promulgating a fire prevention code for the better ensuring of safety of life, health and property from fire and the other hazards referred to in, or prescribed under, this Law;
  - (p) authorising the delegation by the Chief Fire Officer to any person of all or any of his functions or powers, either absolutely or conditionally;
  - (q) prescribing the circumstances and conditions upon which fires may be permitted in any open space;
  - (r) restricting the use of combustible materials in the construction of any building;

- (s) regulating the storage of any combustible or hazardous substance;
- (t) prescribing conditions of recruiting and employing probationary and volunteer officers; and
- (u) prescribing anything required to be prescribed by this Law.”;
- (c) by inserting after the section designation “15.” the subsection designation “(1)”;
- (d) by inserting the following new subsection-  
“(2) A regulation made under this section may provide a penalty on conviction of a breach of it or of any other such regulation not exceeding the penalty provided for in section 16.”.

Amendment of section  
16 of the principal Law

9. Section 16 of the principal Law is amended by-

- (a) repealing paragraph (a); and
- (b) repealing the words “five hundred” and substituting the words “five thousand”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the 8th day of July, 1996.

Sybil McLaughlin  
Speaker.

Georgette Myrie  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.