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Memorandum of OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to amend the Health Care Decisions Law, 2019 to define the terms “assisted suicide” and “euthanasia” in light of amendments made to the Penal Code to decriminalize suicide and retain the offence of assisted suicide.

Clause 1 of the Bill provides the short title of the legislation.

Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 2 of the Health Care Decisions Law, 2019 to insert definitions for the terms “assisted suicide” and “euthanasia”. The term “assisted suicide” is defined to mean suicide undertaken by a person with the encouragement or assistance of another person and the term “euthanasia” is defined to mean the painless killing by a registered practitioner of a person suffering from an incurable and painful disease or a coma.

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ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Citation and commencement

1. (1) This Law may be cited as the Health Care Decisions (Amendment) Law, 2019.
- (2) This Law shall come into force immediately after the coming into force of the Penal Code (Amendment) Law, 2019.

Amendment of section 2 of the Health Care Decisions Law, 2019 - Interpretation

2. The Health Care Decisions Law, 2019 is amended in section 2 by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical sequence, the following definitions —
“**“assisted suicide”** means suicide undertaken by a person with the encouragement or assistance of another person;”; and

“**euthanasia**” means the painless killing by a registered practitioner of a person suffering from an incurable and painful disease or a coma;”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly the day of , 2019.

Speaker

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

