Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 5 /2023-2024

The Sale of "Pepper Spray" for Self-defence and Personal Protection

WHEREAS the incidence of robberies and, in particular, armed robberies in Grand Cayman has increased significantly in recent times;

AND WHEREAS many people are concerned about their safety and the need to defend themselves;

AND WHEREAS a similar motion had been passed unanimously by Parliament on October 12, 2011, but was not taken forward by the then Government;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Government considers amending the Penal Code, the Firearms Act and any other relevant or consequential legislation to permit the importation and sale, by duly licensed pharmacies and drug stores, and the use of chemical sprays such as pepper spray (also known as OC Spray, OC Gas, or Capsicum Spray), and Mace for self-defence and personal protection, subject to appropriate restrictions relating to age and other relevant criteria.

Moved By: Mr. David Wight, JP, MP
Elected Member for George Town West

Seconded By: Hon. Sir Alden, KCMG, MBE, KC, JP, MP
Elected Member for Red Bay

Received in the Office of the Clerk this **11th** day of September, 2023.

Passed/Rejected by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this day of 2023.

Clerk of the Parliament