Parliament of the Cayman Islands

AMENDED
PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 5 of 2024-2025

Motion to Establish Healthcare Protection Fund for Seniors and Children

WHEREAS the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 (as amended), (the Cayman Constitution) affirms our commitment to being a country committed to the democratic values of human dignity, equality and freedom;

AND WHEREAS the Cayman Constitution affirms our commitment to being a country that provides a comprehensive healthcare system;

AND WHEREAS there is major concern among Caymanians as to the cost and coverage of health insurance particularly as it relates to persons over sixty-five years of age;

AND WHEREAS there is much concern among Caymanian senior citizens about the cost and affordability of their access to high quality healthcare through the end of their lives;

AND WHEREAS the Cayman Islands has an aging indigenous population as reflected by an average voter age of 53 as of 1st October, 2024;

AND WHEREAS Section 17 of the Cayman Constitution calls for the protection of children;

AND WHEREAS Section 17 (1) of the Cayman Constitution requires the Legislature to enact laws to provide every child and young person under the age of eighteen with such facilities as would aid their growth and development;

AND WHEREAS Section 17 (1)(c) of the Cayman Constitution requires the Legislature to ensure that every child has the right to basic health care services;

AND WHEREAS Section 17 (2) of the Cayman Islands Constitution requires the Legislature to proceed on the basis that a child's best interests are of paramount importance;

AND WHEREAS the monies collected from the Segregated Insurance Fund is inadequate to cover the costs of healthcare for indigents in the Cayman Islands;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government considers establishing a Healthcare Protection Fund to offset the costs of providing free healthcare to all Caymanians under the age of 18 and over the age of 65, effective the 1st January, 2026;

Moved By: Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, MP
Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Seconded By: Mr. Bernie A. Bush, MP
Elected Member for West Bay North

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 8th day of November, 2024.

Passed, as amended, by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this 12th day of December, 2024.

Clerk of the Parliament