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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026

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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (2021 REVISION) TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "SECURITY OR INTELLIGENCE SERVICES" UNDER THE ACT TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSITIONAL MATTERS; AND FOR INCIDENTAL AND CONNECTED PURPOSES

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Memorandum of

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill amends the Freedom of Information Act (2021 Revision) to expand the definition of "security or intelligence services" to include the Department of Public Safety Communications.

Clause 1 provides the short title of the legislation.

Clause 2 amends section 3(8) of the Freedom of Information Act (2021 Revision) to add the Department of Public Safety Communications to the list of security or intelligence services.

Clause 3 provides for transitional matters. The clause stipulates that on the date of commencement of the amending legislation, every —

(a) application to the Department of Public Safety Communications for access to a record; or

(b) application to the Department of Public Safety Communications for an internal review of a decision by the Department of Public Safety Communications to —

(i) refuse to grant access to the record;

(ii) grant access only to some of the records specified in an application;

(iii) defer the grant of access to the record; or

(iv) charge a fee for action taken or as to the amount of the fee,

shall be discontinued by the Department of Public Safety Communications on the ground that the Department of Public Safety Communications is a security or intelligence service.

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ENACTED by the Legislature of the Cayman Islands.

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Act, 2026.

Amendment of section 3 of the Freedom of Information Act (2021 Revision) - application

2. The *Freedom of Information Act (2021 Revision)* is amended in section 3(8) by inserting after paragraph (c) the following paragraph —

"(ca) the Department of Public Safety Communications;".

Transitional provision

3. On the date of commencement of the *Freedom of Information (Amendment) Act,* 2026 any —

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Passed by the Parliament the day of , 2026.

Speaker

Clerk of the Parliament