

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2020

Explanatory Memorandum

1. This Bill is promoted by Mrs Caine M.H.K.
2. The purpose of the Bill is to amend the current provision within the *Council of Ministers Act 1990* (“1990 Act”) at section 2(3)(b), which requires an affirmative vote of at least 16 members of the House of Keys to pass a resolution that it has no confidence in the Council of Ministers.
3. The proposed amendment would reduce the required affirmative vote of at least 16 members down to an affirmative vote of at least 13 members (being a simple majority in the House of Keys).
4. There is no express commencement section in the Bill and as such the Bill, if passed, shall come into operation as an Act on the date of the announcement of Royal Assent.
5. *Clause 1* (short title) gives the proposed short title of the Act as the Council of Ministers (Amendment) Act 2020.
6. *Clause 2* (amendment of section 2 of the Council of Ministers Act 1990) amends section 2(3)(b) of the 1990 Act by reducing the number of required affirmative votes currently required to pass a resolution in the House of Keys of no confidence in the Council of Ministers from 16 to 13.
7. In the opinion of the member moving the Bill its provisions are compatible with the Convention rights within the meaning of the *Human Rights Act 2001*.



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- 1 A **BILL** to amend section 2(3)(b) of the Council of Ministers Act 1990; and for
2 connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

3 **1 Short title**

- 4 The short title of this Act is the Council of Ministers (Amendment) Act 2020.

5 **2 Amendment of section 2 of the Council of Ministers Act 1990**

- 6 In section 2(3)(b) of the Council of Ministers Act 1990 (appointment and tenure
7 of office of Chief Minister), for “16” substitute “13”.

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IN THE KEYS

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Approved for introduction in the Keys by resolution of the House under Standing Order 4.2.1(c) on 3 November 2020.

MRS CAINE

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