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Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Bill 2001

A BILL

To

Amend the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislative Council.

1. Short title and commencement

(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Ordinance 2001.

(2) This Ordinance shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Security by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Age of criminal responsibility

Section 3 of the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance (Cap. 226) is amended by repealing "7" and substituting "10".

Consequential Amendments

Reformatory Schools Ordinance

3. Interpretation

Section 2 of the Reformatory Schools Ordinance (Cap. 225) is amended, in the definition of "youthful offender", by repealing "7" and substituting "10".

4. Order not to be invalidated by

subsequent proof of age

Section 37 is amended by repealing "7" and substituting "10".

Explanatory Memorandum

This Bill---

(a) amends section 3 of the Juvenile Offenders Ordinance (Cap. 226) to raise the age of criminal responsibility from 7 years of age to 10 years of age (clause 2); and

(b) makes consequential amendments to the Reformatory Schools Ordinance (Cap. 225) (clauses 3 and 4).