



GUYANA

ACT No. 29 of 2007

**POUNDS AND CERTAIN OTHER ENACTMENTS
(AMENDMENT) ACT 2007**

I assent.

Bharrat Jagdeo,
President.
31st December, 2007.

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AN ACT to amend the Pounds Act, the Municipal and District Councils Act, the Local Government Act and the Roads Act.

A.D. 2007.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

**PART I
PRELIMINARY**

Short title.

1. This Act, which amends the Pounds Act, the Municipal and District Councils Act, the Local Government Act and the Roads Act, may be cited as the Pounds and Certain other Enactments (Amendment) Act 2007.

Cap. 71:04.
Cap. 28:01.
Cap. 28:02.
Cap. 51:01.

**PART II
AMENDMENTS TO THE POUNDS ACT**

2. The Pounds Act is amended in the following respects –

Amendments to
the Pounds Act.
Cap. 71:04.
No. 14 of 1988.

- (a) in section 4 by the substitution for the words beginning with “thirty dollars” and ending with “kid or pig”, the words-
“one thousand dollars for every horse, mare, gelding, colt, filly, pony, mule, bull, cow, ox, heifer, steer, buffalo, ass, calf, sheep, goat or kid”;
- (b) in section 5(1) by the deletion of the word “pig” and by the substitution, for the words “thirty” and “twenty” the words “three thousand” and “two thousand”, respectively;

- (c) in section 5(2) by the substitution for the words beginning with “five dollars” and ending with “kid or pig”, the words-
“two hundred dollars a day for feeding each horse, mare, gelding, colt, filly, pony, mule, bull, cow, ox, heifer, steer, buffalo, ass, calf, sheep, goat or kid”;
- (d) in section 6 by the deletion of the word “pig” and by the substitution for the words “or land (other than a public road or bridge)”, the words “, public land or public place”;
- (e) by the insertion, immediately after section 6, of the following section -

“Pigs may be destroyed.

7. (1) The owner or person in possession or control of any private land or premises (the owner) may, without prejudice to his right of any civil action, destroy a pig straying or found on the land or premises subject to the following conditions-

- (a) the owner shall notify, in writing, the owner of the pig and the police of the damage done to the land or premises;
- (b) the police shall notify, in writing, the owner of the pig of the damage done by the pig to the land or premises;
- (c) the owner, on being informed by the police of the step taken by the police, may, if the pig is found or strays on his land or premises, destroy the pig and shall return the

carcass to the owner of the pig.

(2) A police officer or constable, or any person authorised in writing by the Commissioner of Police may destroy a pig found on any public premises, public land or public place and hand over the carcass to the owner of the pig where the owner can be identified.”;

- (f) in section 8 by the substitution, for the words “two thousand dollars”, the words “not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars”;
- (g) in section 9 by the substitution, for the words “one thousand dollars”, the words “not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars”;
- (h) in section 10 by the substitution, for the words “five thousand dollars”, the words “not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars”;
- (i) in section 11(2) by the substitution, for the words “fifty dollars”, the words “not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars”;
- (j) in section 12 (2) by the substitution, for the words “five hundred”, the words “ten thousand”;
- (k) in section 13 by the substitution, for the words “seventy-five”, the words “ten thousand”;
- (l) in section 14 by the substitution, for the word “fifteen”, the words “ten thousand”;
- (m) in section 15 (1) by the substitution, for the word “thirty”, the words “ten thousand”;

- (n) in section 15(2) by the substitution for the word "ten", the words "ten thousand";
- (o) in section 16 by the substitution, for the words "one hundred and fifty dollars", the words "not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars";
- (p) in section 18 by the substitution, for the words "one thousand dollars", the words "not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars";
- (q) in section 21 by the substitution, for the words "seventy-five dollars", the words "not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars".

PART III
AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT COUNCILS ACT

Amendments to
the Municipal and
District Councils
Act.
Cap. 28:01.
No.27 of 1997.

3. The Municipal and District Councils Act is amended in the following respects-

- (a) in section 277(5) by the insertion, between the words "steer," and "heifer", the word "buffalo,", by the substitution for the word "swine" the word "pig" and for the words "five" and "twenty", the words "twenty" and "forty", respectively;
- (b) in section 291(2) by the substitution, for the words "one hundred", the words "ten thousand";
- (c) in section 292 by the substitution, for the words "ten thousand dollars", the words "not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars";

- (d) in section 293(4) by the substitution, for the words “ten thousand dollars”, the words “not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars”;
- (e) in section 294(1) by the substitution, for the words “guilty of an offence”, the words “liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars”;
- (f) in section 294(2) by the substitution, for the words “ten thousand dollars”, the words “not less than ten thousand dollars or more than twenty thousand dollars”;
- (g) in section 295 by the insertion, between the words “steer,” and “heifer”, the word “buffalo,”.

**PART IV
AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT**

4. The Local Government Act is amended in the following respects –

Amendments to the
Local Government
Act.
Cap.28:02.

- (a) in section 102(1) by the substitution, for the words “boundaries of the district of a local authority”, the words “area of a local government authority” and for the words “ten dollars”, the words “not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than forty thousand dollars”;

- (b) in section 102(2) by the insertion after the word “animal” the words “other than a pig” and by the substitution, for the words “local authority” in both places that they occur, the words “local government authority”;
- (c) by the substitution for section 103 (3) of the following-
- “(3) A pig straying on any place mentioned in subsection (1) may be destroyed by a police officer or constable or any person authorised in writing by the Commissioner of Police and the carcass handed over to the owner of the pig where the owner can be identified.”;
- (d) in section 102(4) by the substitution, for the words “to the impounding”, the words “with all necessary changes to the impounding as if the animal were being impounded as a stray under that Act”;
- (e) in section 102(5) by the insertion, between the words “steer,” and “heifer”, the word “buffalo,” and by the substitution for the word “swine” the word “pig”.

**PART V
AMENDMENTS TO THE ROADS ACT**

Amendments to
the Roads Act.
Cap. 51:01.
No.24 of 1990

5. The Roads Act is amended in the following respects –

- (a) in section 27(1) by the insertion after the word “cattle” the words “other than a pig”;
- (b) by the substitution for section 27(2) of the following-

“(2) A pig found straying on a road may be destroyed by a police officer or a constable or any person authorised in writing by the Commissioner of Police and the carcass handed over to the owner of the pig where the owner can be identified.”;
- (c) in section 28(1) by the substitution, for the words “five hundred dollars and not more than fifteen hundred dollars”, the words “twenty thousand dollars nor more than forty thousand dollars”;
- (d) in section 28(2) by the substitution for the word “swine” the word “pigs”.

Passed by the National Assembly on 14th December, 2007.

S. E. Isaacs,
Clerk of the National Assembly.

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