



GUYANA

ACT No. 17 of 1992

DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) (AMNESTY) ACT 1992

I assent.

H. D. HOYTE.
President.

1992—07—29

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of new section 49A in the Principal Act.

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AN ACT to amend the Defence Act.

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Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.
Cap. 15:01

1. This Act, which amends the Defence Act, may be cited as the Defence (Amendment) (Amnesty) Act 1992.

Insertion
of new sec-
tion 49A in
the Princi-
pal Act.

2. The Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion after section 49 of the following section as section 49A —

**"Amnesty
granted to
soldiers.**

49A.(1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, any person subject to military law under this Act who deserts in contravention of section 47 or who is absent without leave in contravention of section 48 shall not be arrested or charged or tried by court-martial or by a civil court under this Act for any such desertion or absence without leave if, during the period commencing on 1st August, 1992 and ending on 31st October, 1992—

- (a) he reports at the location and to the person, notice whereof shall be given in a daily newspaper published in Guyana; and
- (b) at the same time, he delivers up all clothing, kit or any part thereof, arms, ammunition or other equipment or property issued to him or entrusted to his care under the Act which are still in his possession.

(2) The President may, by order, prescribe any other period during which a person, who deserts or absents himself without leave, shall not be arrested, charged or tried by court-martial or a civil court for desertion or absence without leave in contravention of this Act.

(3) Any person subject to military law under this Act, who deserts in contravention of section 47 or is absent without leave in contravention of section 48 and complies with the provisions of subsection (1) shall, notwithstanding anything in this Act, be treated

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as properly discharged under this Act and shall be issued with a certificate of discharge.”.

Passed by the National Assembly on 17th July, 1992.

F. A. Narain,
Clerk of the National Assembly.

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