



ACT No. 6 OF 1997
LAW REVISION (AMENDMENT)
ACT 1997

I assent.

SAMUEL A. HINDS,
President.
20th June, 1997.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Repeal and re-enactment of sections 19 and 20 of the Principal Act.
3. Revision date.

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AN ACT to amend the Law Revision Act.

A.D. 1997 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title. 1. This Act, which amends the Law Revision Act, may be
 Cap. 2:02 cited as the Law Revision (Amendment) Act 1997.

Repeal and re-enactment of sections 19 and 20 of the Principal Act.

2. Sections 19 and 20 of the Principal Act are hereby repealed and the following sections substituted **therefor**—

“Com- mission’s powers with re- spect to revision of a law im- posing a fee or charge.

19.(1) In the first revision under this Act, after the enactment of this section, where any law (in whatever terms) pre- scribes, as a fee or charge (not being a tax or a duty), or as the rate of such fee or charge, a sum which comprises—

- (a) dollars and cents, the Commission may delete the cents;
- (b) cents only, the Commission may sub- stitute for the cents a dollar.

(2) Where any law prescribes a fee or charge referred to in subsection (1) such fee or charge shall after compliance with sub- section (1), be increased in the manner provided by section 20(1) to (3), inclusive, as if the fee or charge were a monetary penalty within the meaning of the said section 20(1) to (3).

Com- mission’s power with re- spect to revision of a law im- posing a specified monetary penalty.

20.(1) In the first revision under this Act, after the enact- ment of this section, of any written law imposing a specified mone- tary penalty, the Commission shall, in lieu of such penalty, sub- stitute a penalty calculated in accordance with the provisions of subsections (2) and (3).

(2) The penalty shall first be increased as follows—

- (a) where the law imposing the penalty or effecting the last amendment thereto was made before the year 1975

by multiplying the penalty by sixty-five;

- (b) where the law imposing the penalty or effecting the last amendment thereto was made in or after the year 1975 but before the 1st January, 1985, by multiplying the penalty by fifty-five;
- (c) where the law imposing the penalty or effecting the last amendment thereto was made in or after the 1st January, 1985, but before the 1st January, 1995, by multiplying the penalty by three.

(3) The figure arrived at in calculating the increased penalty (in dollars) in accordance with subsection (2) and any monetary penalty imposed by a law made in 1995 or after (if not a multiple of five) shall be rounded off to the next higher figure which is a multiple of five.

(4) Any sum specified in any law for the purpose of a bond or recognizance into which anyone is to enter in respect of a criminal charge or matter shall be increased in the manner provided by subsections (i) to (3), inclusive, as if the sum were a monetary penalty within the meaning of those subsections.

(5) Any sum specified in any law as a monetary penalty which any authority is authorised to impose in subsidiary legislation in respect of a criminal offence shall be increased in the manner provided by subsections (1) to (3), inclusive, as if the sum were a monetary penalty within the meaning of those subsections.”.

3. Notwithstanding anything in the Law Revision Act the revision date under section 6 for the first revision after the enactment of this section shall be such date as the Commission may by order direct.

Revision
date.
Cap. 2:02

Passed by the National Assembly on 22nd May, 1997.

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

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