



**GUYANA**

ACT No. 12 of 1985

**NATIONAL SECURITY (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)  
(AMENDMENT) (No.2) ACT 1985**

I assent.

*H. D. Hoyte*  
**H. D. HOYTE,**  
**President.**

1985—10—30

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**SECTION**

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Amendment of section 21 of the Principal Act.
- 3. Amendment of section 23 of the Principal Act.
- 4. Amendment of section 27 of the Principal Act.

A.D. 1985]

## THE LAWS OF GUYANA

[No. 12

AN ACT to amend the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act.

A.D. 1985 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana :—

Short title.  
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1. This Act, which amends the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, may be cited as the National Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1985.

Amendment  
of section  
21 of the  
Principal  
Act.

2. Section 21 (1) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for one year." of the following —

"not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars together with imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than three years:

Provided that the court may for special reasons to be recorded in writing impose any lesser sentence."

Amendment  
of section  
23 of the  
Principal  
Act.

3. Section 23 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

(a) in subsection (1), by the substitution for the words "shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars and to imprisonment for three years and, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for life." of the following —

"shall be liable —

(i) on summary conviction, to a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars together with imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than three years :

Provided that the court may for special reasons to be recorded in writing impose any lesser sentence; and

(ii) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for life, and the power conferred by section 45 (a) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, to impose a sentence lesser than a sentence of imprisonment for life, shall not be invoked in respect of the penalty prescribed by this paragraph unless there are special reasons which shall be recorded by the court in writing.":

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- (b) in subsection (2), by the substitution for the words “shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars and to imprisonment for three years and, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for ten years.” of the following —

“shall be liable —

- (i) on summary conviction, to a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars together with imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than three years:

Provided that the court may for special reasons to be recorded in writing impose any lesser sentence; and

- (ii) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for not less than three years nor more than ten years:

Provided that the court may for special reasons to be recorded in writing impose any lesser sentence.”.

4. Section 27 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the <sup>Amendment of section 27 of the</sup> substitution for the words “five hundred dollars and to imprisonment <sup>Principal Act.</sup> for one year.” of the following —

“not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars together with imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than three years :

Provided that the court may for special reasons to be recorded in writing impose any lesser sentence.”.

*Passed by the National Assembly on 1985—10—25.*

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