



GUYANA

ACT No. 11 of 1989

**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (FINES)
ACT 1989**

I assent.

**H. D. Hoyte
President**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. **Short title.**
2. **Imprisonment in default of payment of ~~fine~~ not to be imposed in ~~certain~~ cases.**
3. **Amendment of section 18 of State Liability and Proceedings Act 1984.**

AN ACT to prohibit, in specified cases, the imposition of imprisonment in default of payment of fine and to amend the State Liability and Proceedings Act 1984 to clarify certain matters in respect of the recovery of fines and other pecuniary penalties and for matters connected therewith.

A.D. 1989

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana :—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Administration of Justice (Fines) Act 1989.

Imprisonment in default of payment of fine not to be imposed in certain cases.

2.(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other written law, where a person convicted of any of the offences referred to in subsection (2) is sentenced to a fine in addition to any term of imprisonment, no direction or order shall be made by any court to the effect that if the person fails to pay the fine, he shall be imprisoned for any period.

(2) The offences referred to in subsection (1) are —

(a) offences against the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Control) Act 1988; or

(b) other offences specified by the Minister by order.

(3) An order by the Minister under subsection (2) (b) shall be subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly.

No. 2 of 1988

Amendment of section 18 of State Liability and Proceedings Act 1984. No. 20 of 1984.

3. Section 18 of the State Liability and Proceedings Act 1984 is hereby amended by the insertion, after subsection (2), of the following subsection as subsection (3) —

“(3) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that —

(a) this section shall apply to the recovery of all fines and other pecuniary penalties imposed under any written law; and

(b) parate or summary execution under this section may be issued against movable and immovable property.”.

Passed by the National Assembly on 1989—07—26.

F. A. Narain.

Clerk of the National Assembly.