

BILL NO. 17 OF 1969.

MUSIC AND DANCING LICENCES (AMENDMENT BILL), 1969.

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 14 of Chapter 129.
3. Amendment of section 16 of Chapter 129.

A BILL

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AN ACT to amend the Music and Dancing Licences Ordinance.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

A.D. 1969

1. This Act may be cited as the Music and Dancing Licences (Amendment) Act, 1969, and shall be construed and read as one with the Music and Dancing Licences Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same. Short title
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2. Section 14 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects — Amendment of
section 14 of
Chapter 129.

- (a) by the deletion of the words "to which this section applies" from subsection (1);
- (b) by the repeal of subsection (2); and
- (c) by renumbering subsection (3) as subsection (2).

3. (1) Section 16 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the words "Minister responsible for finance" for the expression "Governor in Council". Amendment of
section 16 of
Chapter 129.

(2) Anything lawfully done under section 16 of the Principal Ordinance prior to its amendment by subsection (1) of this section, and which would continue to have effect but for such amendment, shall continue to have effect as if so done in conformity with such amendment.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Under the provisions of the Music and Dancing Licences Ordinance (Chapter 129) a place which is kept or used for public dancing, singing, music or other public entertainment must be licensed for the purpose and the magistrate of the judicial district in which the place is situate is authorised to grant such a licence. Section 14 of the Ordinance makes it a condition precedent to the grant of a licence that certain certificates must be produced to the magistrate in order to satisfy him that the place to be licensed is fit for use and is provided with adequate means of escape in the event of fire. Subsection (2) of section 14 applies the provisions of the section only to certain specified areas, for example, the City of Georgetown, the town of New Amsterdam, the village of Bartica and other areas which may, from time to time, be declared by order made under the section. It is considered desirable that the provisions of section 14 of the Ordinance should apply to the whole of Guyana and clause 2 of this Bill provides accordingly.

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to amend section 16 of the Ordinance to vest in the Minister of Finance the power of the Governor-General to prescribe the fees to be paid for any inspection made or certificate issued under section 14 of the Ordinance.

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Minister of Home Affairs.