

L. A. Bill No. 2 of 1962

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GENEVA CONVENTIONS (SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS)
BILL, 1962.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. Short title.
2. Interpretation.
3. Appeals by protected persons.
4. Reverting and restitution of property on conviction.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO SUPPLEMENT THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS ACT, 1957, OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AS EXTENDED TO BRITISH GUIANA BY THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS ACT (COLONIAL TERRITORIES) ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1959, SO AS TO ENABLE FULL EFFECT TO BE GIVEN IN RELATION TO BRITISH GUIANA TO CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS DONE AT GENEVA ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF AUGUST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-NINE.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Geneva Conventions Short title (Supplementary Provisions) Ordinance, 1962.
2. In this Ordinance the expressions "protected internee", Interpretation. "protected prisoner of war", and "the protecting power" have the meanings respectively assigned to them in section 7 of the Geneva Conventions Act, 1957, as extended to British Guiana by the Geneva 5 & 6 Eliz. II, c. 52. Conventions Act (Colonial Territories) Order in Council, 1959. S.I. 1301/1959.
3. Where a protected prisoner of war or a protected internee has been convicted and sentenced to death or to imprisonment for a Appeals by protected persons. term of two years or more, the time within which he must give notice of appeal shall notwithstanding anything in any enactment relating to such appeal be reckoned from the date on which he receives a notice given —
 - (a) in the case of a protected prisoner of war, by an officer of Her Majesty's forces;
 - (b) in the case of a protected internee, by or on behalf of the officer in charge of the prison in which he is confined;
 that the protecting power has been notified of his conviction and sentence, or of the making of an order, as the case may be.
4. In any case to which this Ordinance applies a reference in any law to any period relating to the reverting and restitution of property on Reverting and restitution of property on conviction. conviction shall be deemed a reference to the period calculated in accordance with the provisions of the preceding section.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Geneva Conventions Act, 1957, was passed in the United Kingdom containing legal provisions to implement the four conventions which were drawn up by an international conference at Geneva in August, 1949.

2. All the provisions of that Act, save sections 4 and 8(2) were extended, with necessary modifications and adaptations, to British Guiana by the Geneva Conventions Act (Colonial Territories) Order in Council, 1959.

3. Section 4 of the Act, which relates to appeals from convictions of prisoners of war and civilian internees was however not so extended since it was found difficult to modify the provisions of subsection (1) thereof in general terms that would be apt for all the overseas territories to which the Act was extended. This Bill accordingly seeks to make the necessary provision in relation to appeals from a sentence of death and imprisonment for a term of two years or more.

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(M.P. 126/6).

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