

**BILL No. 7 of 2002**

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Guyana.**

The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

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**GUYANA**

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**FISCAL ENACTMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**Section**

1. Short title and commencement.
2. Amendment of section 56 of the Tax Act.
3. Insertion of new section 7A in the Hotel Accommodation Tax Act 1993.

**A Bill  
Intituled**

AN ACT to amend the Tax Act and the Hotel Accommodation Tax Act 1993.

A. D. 2002

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title and commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Fiscal Enactments (Amendment) Act 2002 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st April, 2002.

Amendment of section 56 of the Tax Act.  
Cap. 80:01

2. Section 56(1) (other than the proviso) of the Tax Act is hereby amended by the substitution therefor of the following -

“(1) Entertainment duty shall be paid at the following rates in respect of all payments for admission to any -

(a) cinematagraph entertainment -

(i) in the City of Georgetown or in any town or within one mile of the boundaries thereof.....10%

(ii) elsewhere in Guyana.....5%

(b) horse racing entertainment -

(i) in the City of Georgetown or in any town or within one mile of the boundaries thereof.....25%

(ii) elsewhere in Guyana .....20%

Insertion of new section 7A in the Hotel Accommodation Tax Act 1993.  
Act No. 14 of 1993.

3. The Hotel Accommodation Tax Act 1993 is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 7 of the following section -

“No charge of room tax in respect of tourism facilities deemed to be a resort.

7A (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, hotel accommodation which are tourism facilities that are deemed by the Minister to be a resort shall not be subject to any room tax under section 4.

(2) In order for the hotel operator to benefit from the tax exemption under subsection (1) he has to apply to the Minister for the tourism facilities provided by his hotel to be deemed to be a resort.

(3) Where the Minister, after consultation with the Minister responsible for tourism, is satisfied that the tourism facilities provided by the hotel operator should be granted the exemption under subsection (1), he shall so do in writing, communicated to the hotel operator, on the basis of which communication the hotel operator shall not be liable to pay room tax under this Act."

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend section 56 of the Tax Act, Cap. 80:01, by reducing the entertainment duty payable on all payments for admission to cinemas. The duty payable in respect of urban cinemas has been reduced from twenty-five per cent to ten per cent; that payable in respect of rural cinemas has been reduced from twenty per cent to five per cent. The entertainment duty payable on all payments for admission to horse racing entertainment remains at twenty-five per cent for the municipalities (which include Corriverton, Rose Hall and Anna Regina) and twenty per cent for elsewhere.

This Bill also seeks to amend the Hotel Accommodation Tax Act 1993, (No. 14 of 1993) to provide for the exemption from the payment of room tax on rooms provided by a hotel where the hotel provides tourism facilities that are deemed by the Minister to be a resort. For such tourism facilities to be deemed to be a resort the hotel operator must apply to the Minister therefor and upon the Minister, deeming the said facilities to be a resort the hotel operator shall be exempted from room tax.

Minister of Finance