

GUYANA

BILL No. of 2014

RECORDING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS BILL 2014

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A Bill

Intituled

	An Act to provide for the recording of Court Proceedings and for matters incidental thereto.
Short title.	1. This Act may be cited as the Recording of Court Proceedings Act 2014.
Interpretation. Cap 3:04 Cap 3:05 Cap 10:02 Cap 3:02	2. In this Act – “clerk of court” has the same meaning as in the Summary Jurisdiction Acts; “court” means any court of law in Guyana; “Rules Committee” means the Rules Committee of the High Court established under section 67 of the High Court Act.
Power to record proceedings by electronic or other means.	3. Where a written law provides that proceedings in a court shall be recorded, those proceedings may be recorded by any means.
Transcript to be prepared.	4. Where proceedings in a court are recorded, the Registrar of the Supreme Court or the clerk of court, as the case may be, may, and shall if required by Rules of Court or other law, as soon as practicable, cause a transcript of the record of the proceedings to be prepared.
Verification of transcript.	5. The transcript of the record of proceedings shall be verified by certificates of those responsible for the accuracy of the recording of the proceedings and of the transcript in accordance with Rules of Court or other law.
Access to transcript and recordings.	6. A party to proceedings which are recorded shall, upon application and upon the payment of such fee as the Rules Committee may prescribe or as may be prescribed by law, be furnished with a copy of the draft or verified transcript of the record of those proceedings.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to provide for the recording of court proceedings and for matters incidental thereto.

The word “court” is defined as in the Constitution to mean “any court of law in Guyana” and the “Rules Committee” means the Rules Committee of the High Court established under section 67 of the High Court Act.

Clause 3 of the Bill establishes the power to record proceedings by electronic or other means.

Clause 4 provides that the Registrar of the Supreme Court or the clerk of Magistrates’ court, as the case may be, shall cause a transcript of the record of the proceedings to be prepared.

Clause 5 provides that the record of proceedings shall be verified by certificates of those responsible for the accuracy of the recording of the proceedings.

Clause 6 provides for access to the transcript and recordings upon payment of the requisite fee.

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