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

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**GUYANA****BILL No. 7 of 1997****SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1997****ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS****SECTION**

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of the Principal Act.

## AN ACT to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act.

A.D. 1997

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.  
Cap. 8:02

1. This Act, which amends the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act, may be cited as the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) (Amendment) Act 1997.

Amendment  
of the  
Principal  
Act.

2. The sections of the Principal Act mentioned in the first column of the Schedule are hereby amended in the manner specified in the corresponding entry in the second column of the Schedule

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SECTIONS	AMENDMENTS
Section 14	(a) For "five thousand" substitute "forty-nine thousand".  (b) Substitute for the proviso the following proviso —  "Provided that where the conviction is in respect of an offence committed prior to the coming into operation of the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) (Amendment) Act 1997 the compensation awarded shall not exceed that amount which the court could have awarded at the time of the commission of the offence."
Section 21	For "three hundred and seventy-five" substitute "five thousand".
Section 22	For "one thousand" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 23	For "one thousand" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 25	For "one thousand" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 26	For "seven hundred and fifty" substitute "five thousand".

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Section 27	For "one thousand" substitute "five thousand".
Section 28	For "one thousand" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 29	For "one thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 42	For "three hundred" substitute "five thousand".
Section 43	For "six hundred" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 45	For "two thousand five hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand" and for "three hundred" substitute "five thousand".
Section 47	(a) For "one hundred" substitute "one thousand".
Marginal note to section 47	(b) For "100." substitute "1,000."
Section 48	(a) For "two thousand" substitute "ten thousand".
Marginal note to section 48	(b) For "2,000." substitute "\$10,000."
Section 49	(a) For "one hundred dollars" substitute "ten thousand dollars" and for "three thousand" substitute "ten thousand".
Marginal note to section 49	(b) For "100." substitute "10,000."
Section 50	For "three hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 51	For "one hundred and fifty" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 52	For "four hundred and fifty" substitute "twenty thousand" and for "one thousand" substitute "thirty-five thousand".
Section 53	For "two thousand" substitute "ten thousand".

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SECTIONS	AMENDMENTS
Section 54	For "two thousand" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 55	For "four thousand" wherever those words occur substitute "twenty thousand".
Section 56	For "three hundred and seventy-five" substitute "three thousand".
Section 57	For "one thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".
Section 58	For "two thousand" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 59	For "six hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 60	For "two thousand" substitute "ten thousand" and for "three thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 61	For "two thousand" substitute "ten thousand" and for "three thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 62	For "three hundred and seventy-five" substitute "five thousand".
Section 66	<p>(a) For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".</p> <p>(b) In paragraph (a), for "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "forty thousand".</p> <p>(c) In paragraph (b), for "five thousand" substitute "twenty-five thousand".</p> <p>(d) In paragraph (c), "for five thousand" substitute "twenty-five thousand".</p>
Section 67	<p>(a) For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".</p> <p>(b) In paragraph (a), for "five thousand" substitute "twenty-five thousand".</p> <p>(c) In paragraph (b), for "five thousand" substitute "twenty-five thousand".</p>

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SECTIONS	AMENDMENTS
Section 68	(a) For "one hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Marginal note to section 68	(b) For "100." substitute "15,000.".
Section 69	(a) For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Marginal note to section 69	(b) For "\$1500." substitute "\$15,000.".
Section 70	For "one hundred dollars" substitute "fifteen thousand dollars" and for "three hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Marginal note to section 70	For "100." substitute "15,000.".
Section 71	For "three hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 72 (1)	For "five hundred" and "fifteen hundred", wherever they occur, substitute "twenty-five thousand" and "seventy-five thousand", respectively.
Section 74	For "one hundred and fifty" substitute "twenty thousand".
Section 77	For "three hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 78	For "one thousand" substitute "twenty-five thousand".
Section 79	For "one thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".
Section 80	For "one thousand" substitute "twenty thousand" and for "five hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 82	For "one thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".
Section 83	For "two thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".

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Section 84	(a) For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".
Marginal note to section 84	(b) For "\$5000." substitute "\$30,000.".
Section 85	For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".
Section 86	For "five hundred" substitute "twenty thousand".
Section 87	(a) For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".
Marginal note to section 87	(b) For "\$5000." substitute "\$30,000.".
Section 88	For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".
Section 89	(a) For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand". (b) In paragraph (a), for "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "forty thousand". (c) In paragraph (b), for "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "forty thousand".
Section 90	For "five hundred" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 91	(a) For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand". (b) In paragraph (a), for "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "forty thousand". (c) In paragraph (b), for "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "forty thousand".
Section 92	(a) In subsection (1), for "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand". (b) In subsection (1) (i), for "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "forty thousand".

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|                | (c) In subsection (1) (ii), for "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "forty thousand".   |
| Section 93     | (a) For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".<br>(a) For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand."<br>(b) In paragraph (a), for "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "forty thousand".<br>(c) In paragraph (b), for "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "forty thousand". |
| Section 94 (1) | (a) In paragraph (a), for "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "forty thousand".<br>(b) In paragraph (b), for "five thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".<br>(c) In paragraph (c), for "five thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".   |
| Section 94 (2) | (a) In paragraph (a), for "five thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".<br>(b) In paragraph (b), for "five thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".   |
| Section 95     | For "five thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".   |
| Section 97     | For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".   |
| Section 98     | For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".   |
| Section 99     | (a) For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".<br>(b) In paragraph (a), for "five thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".<br>(c) In paragraph (b), for "five thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".  |

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Marginal note to section 99	(d) For "\$5000." substitute "\$30,000."
Section 100	For "four thousand" substitute "twenty thousand".
Section 101 (1)	For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".
Section 102	For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".
Section 103	For "five thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 105 (2)	For "five thousand" substitute "twenty-five thousand".
Section 113	For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 116	For "three hundred" substitute "five thousand".
Section 126	For "one thousand" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 127	For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 128	For "two thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 129 (2)	For "one thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 130 (2)	For "five hundred" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 131	For "five hundred" substitute "five thousand".
Section 133	For "two thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 134 (1)	For "three hundred" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 135	For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 136	"For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "ten thousand".



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Section 137	For "two thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 139	For "five hundred" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 140	For "five hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 141	For "five hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 143	For "one thousand" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 144 (1)	For one thousand five hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 145(2) (b)	For "three hundred dollars" substitute "ten thousand dollars".
Section 145 (4)	For "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 145 (5)	For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 150 (1)	For "two thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 151 (1)	For "one thousand" substitute "ten thousand" and for "four thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 153 (1)	For "one thousand" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 156	For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 157	For "five thousand" substitute "twenty five thousand".
Section 160 (2)	For "three hundred" substitute "five thousand".
Section 161	For "three hundred" substitute "five thousand".

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Section 162	For "one thousand" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 163	For "one thousand" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 165 (1)	(a) For "five thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand". (b) For "seven thousand five hundred" substitute "thirty thousand".
Section 166	For "three thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 169	For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 171 (1)	For "one thousand" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 172 (2)	For "one hundred and fifty" substitute "five thousand".
Section 173	For "three hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 174A	(a) For "one thousand" substitute "seven thousand five hundred". (b) For "two thousand" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 176 (1)	For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 179	For "one thousand" substitute "five thousand".
Section 180	For "one thousand" substitute "five thousand".
Section 181	For "three thousand" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 182	(a) For "fifty" substitute "two thousand five hundred". (b) For "one hundred" substitute "five thousand".
Section 183	For "one hundred" substitute "two thousand five hundred".

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Section 186 (2)	For "seven hundred" substitute "five thousand" and for "five hundred" substitute "three thousand".
Section 187 (1)	(a) For "seventy" substitute "five thousand". (b) For "four hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 194 (1)	For "five thousand" wherever those words occur substitute "twenty-five thousand".
Section 195	For "two thousand" substitute "twenty-five thousand" and for "one thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 196	For "one thousand five hundred" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 197	For "three thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 198	For "three thousand substitute "seven thousand five hundred".
Section 199 (3)	For "five thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 200	For "two thousand" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 201	For "two thousand" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 204	For "five thousand" substitute "thirty thousand".
Section 205	For "one thousand" substitute "five thousand".

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act, Cap. 8:02, to increase the prescribed fines. These fines, inspite of the increases in 1989, are so inordinately low that they are almost derisory. This has been due to inflation and the fall of the Guyana dollar. Hence the fines are now being increased to realistic levels so that they may serve as true deterrents.

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