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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. 8 OF 1997

PREVENTION OF CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1997

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

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

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Prevention of Crimes Act.

A.D. 1997

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.
Cap. 9:01

1. This Act, which amends the Prevention of Crimes Act, may be cited as the Prevention of Crimes (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.

SCHEDULE

FIRST COLUMN SECTIONS	SECOND COLUMN AMENDMENTS
Section 7	For "seventy-five" substitute "seven thousand five hundred" and for "three hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 8	In paragraph (b) for "three hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 9.	In subsection (2) for "seventy-five" substitute "seven thousand five hundred" and for "one hundred and fifty" substitute "ten thousand".
Section 12	In subsection (1) (a) for "four hundred" substitute "twenty thousand".
Section 15	In subsection (4) for "three hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand".
Section 16	In subsection (2) for "three hundred" substitute "fifteen thousand" and for "one thousand" substitute "forty thousand".
Section 18	For "seven hundred and fifty" substitute "thirty thousand".

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the provisions relating to fines as contained in the Prevention of Crimes Act, Cap 9:01. There is no gainsaying the fact that the existing fines are grossly inadequate due to hyperinflation and the falling value of the Guyanese currency. The Bill is, therefore, aimed at effecting increases in the fines to bring such fines in line with the economic realities of the country.

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