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Guyana.**

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

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Clerk of the National Assembly.



**GUYANA**

BILL No. 10 of 1997

**SUMMARY JURISDICTION (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT)  
BILL 1997**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**SECTION .**

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 37 of the Principal Act.
3. Amendment of section 38 of the Principal Act.
4. Amendment of section 61 of the Principal Act.

## A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act.

A.D: 1997

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title,  
Cap. 10:02

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

Amendment  
of section  
37 of the  
Principal  
Act

2. Section 37 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "seven thousand" of the words "forty thousand".

Amendment  
of section  
38 of the  
Principal  
Act.

3. Section 38 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words appearing immediately after the word "order" and ending with the words "six months" of the following—

"does not exceed \$5,000	...	ten days;
exceeds \$5,000, but does not exceed \$7,500	.. ...	twenty-one days;
exceeds \$7,500, but does not exceed \$15,000	... ..	six weeks;
exceeds \$15,000, but does not exceed \$25,000,	... ..	three months;
exceeds \$25,000, but does not exceed \$35,000	... ..	five months;
exceeds \$35,000,	... ..	nine months;

Amendment  
of section  
61 of the  
Principal  
Act.

4. Section 61 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution in the proviso to subsection (1) thereof for the words "fifteen thousand" of the words "fifty thousand."

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend certain penalty provisions of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act, Cap. 10:02. The amendments have become necessary in view of the fact that hyperinflation and the falling value of Guy-

anese currency have made the existing fines under the Act to be insufficient. The Bill is, therefore, intended to effect increases in the fines so as to bring such fines in line with the economic realities of the country.

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