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**The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly
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**F. A. Narain,
Clerk of the National Assembly.**



GUYANA

BILL No. 21 of 1997.

MAINTENANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1997

ARRANGEMENTS OF SECTIONS

SECTION

- 1. Short title.**
- 2. Amendment of section 6 of the Principal Act.**

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Maintenance Act.

A .D. 1997 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title. 1. This Act, which amends the Maintenance Act, may
Cap. 45:03 be cited as the Maintenance (Amendment) Act 1997.

Amendment of section 6 of the Principal Act. 2. Section 6 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the existing proviso of the following proviso -

"Provided that -

- (a) the minimum maintenance payable pursuant to section 3 shall be not less than five hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars per week;
- (b) the minimum maintenance payable under section 4 shall be not less than five hundred dollars nor more than thirty thousand dollars per week;
- (c) if the complaint has been made under section 5(3), the magistrate may also order the party against whom the complaint is made to pay to

some person named in the order
 a separate amount of not less
 than five hundred dollars
 nor more than twenty-five
 thousand dollars, in respect
 of an order pursuant to section
 3, and not less than five
 hundred dollars nor more than
 thirty thousand dollars, in
 respect of an order pursuant
 to section 4, for every week
 that the commissioners or the
 Deputy Chief Executive Officer
 of the Regional Democratic
 Council have or has given
 relief, but such additional
 amount shall nevertheless
 not exceed the actual amount
 expended on relief."

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Maintenance Act, Cap. 45:03. There are two main amendments. The first seeks to increase the weekly maintenance for a child ^{from a} ~~sum~~ which does not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars to a sum of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars. The second seeks to increase the weekly maintenance of a father, mother grandfather or grandmother from a sum that does not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars to a sum of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than thirty thousand dollars.

There are some consequential amendments also.

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