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

F. A. Naran,
Clerk of the National Assembly.



GUYANA

BILL No. 14 of 1998

PREVENTION OF CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

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

A. BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Prevention of Crimes Act.

A.D. 1998 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.

Cap. 9:01

Amendment
of the
Principal
Act.

1. This Act, which amends the Prevention of Crimes Act, may be cited as the Prevention of Crimes (Amendment Act 1998.

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 S.2

FIRST COLUMN SECTIONS	SECOND COLUMN AMENDMENTS
Section 7	For "seven thousand five hundred dollars" substitute "fifteen thousand dollars", for "fifteen thousand dollars" substitute "thirty thousand dollars", for "one month" substitute "two months" and for "three months", substitute "six months".
Section 8	In paragraph (b), for "fifteen thousand dollars" substitute "thirty thousand dollars".
Section 9	In subsection (2), for seven thousand five hundred dollars" substitute "not less than seven thousand five hundred dollars nor more than fifteen thousand dollars" and for "ten thousand dollars" substitute "not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars".
Section 12	(a) In subsection (1) (a), for "twenty thousand dollars" substitute "not less than twenty thousand dollars nor more than forty thousand dollars" and for "six months" substitute "twelve months."

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	(b) In subsection (1) (b), for “two years” substitute “four years”.
Section 15	In subsection (4), for “fifteen thousand dollars” substitute “not less than fifteen thousand dollars” nor more than “thirty thousand dollars” and for “three months” substitute “six months”.
Section 16	In subsection (2), for “fifteen thousand dollars” substitute “thirty thousand dollars”, for “forty thousand dollars” substitute “eighty thousand dollars”, for “three months” substitute “six months” and for “six months” substitute “twelve months”.
Section 18	For “thirty thousand dollars” substitute “not less than thirty thousand dollars” nor more than sixty thousand dollars” and for “four months” substitute “eight months”.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Act which this Bill amends was amended in 1997 to increase penalties. It is now being amended to provide for a minimum benchmark for each offence and to increase custodial sentences.

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Attorney-General and Minister of Legal Affairs.