

I assent,

ALFRED SAVAGE,

Governor,

9th July, 1954.

ORDINANCE No. 21 OF 1954.

AN ORDINANCE to prohibit the carrying of offensive weapons in public places without lawful authority or reasonable excuse.

[10th July, 1954].

A.D. 1954. ENACTED by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Prevention of Crimes (Amendment) Ordinance, 1954, and shall be construed and read as one with the Prevention of Crimes Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

Cap. 19.

2. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion therein after section eleven of the following section —

“Person in public place with offensive weapon.

11A. (1) Any person who without lawful authority or reasonable excuse, the proof whereof shall lie on him, has with him in any public place any offensive weapon shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable —

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment;
- (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.

(2) Where any person is convicted of an offence under subsection (1) of this section, the court may make an order for the forfeiture or disposal of any weapon in respect of which the offence was committed.

(3) A police constable may arrest without warrant any person whom he has reasonable cause to believe to be committing an offence under subsection (1) of this section, if the police constable is not satisfied as to that person's identity or place of residence, or has reasonable cause to believe that it is necessary to arrest him in order to prevent the commission by him of any crime or offence in the course of committing which an offensive weapon might be used.

(4) In this section “public place” includes any highway and any other premises or place to which at the material time the public have or are permitted to have access, whether on payment or otherwise; and “offensive weapon” means any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to the person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use by him.”