

# Bill No. 25 of 1961

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## CATTLE STEALING PREVENTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961.

### ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

#### Section

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of sections 7 and 8 of Chapter 81.
3. Amendment of section 9 of Chapter 81.
4. Amendment of section 14 of Chapter 81.
5. Repeal and re-enactment of section 20 of Chapter 81.

#### A BILL

#### Intituled

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CATTLE STEALING PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Cattle Stealing Prevention (Amendment) Ordinance, 1961, and shall be construed and read with the Cattle Stealing Prevention Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

2. Sections 7 and 8 of the Principal Ordinance are hereby amended by the insertion before the word "bull" of the word "buffalo,".

3. Section 9 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion before the word "bulls" in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of the word "buffaloes,".

4. Section 14 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion before the word "bull" in subsections (1) and (3) of the word "buffalo,".

5. Section 20 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor—

"Power to stop person driving or conveying cattle on highway.

20.(1) A member of the police force or a rural constable may require any person driving or conveying any buffalo, bull, cow, ox, steer, heifer, calf, ram, ewe, sheep, lamb, goat or kid along any public highway or road, to stop for the purpose of giving full information of the place wherefrom and to which the animal is being driven or conveyed and of the name and residence of the owner thereof.

(2) Where the person refuses to stop or refuses or neglects to give the information as aforesaid or where any information is given by him and the member of the police force or the rural constable has reasonable cause to believe that the information is false, the member of the police force or the rural constable may arrest that person without a warrant and may detain every animal found in his possession until such person can be brought before a magistrate.

(3) Where the person refuses to stop or refuses or neglects to give the information as aforesaid or knowingly gives false information, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding two months."

#### OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Cattle Stealing Prevention Ordinance, Chapter 81, contains no reference to buffaloes, which are an important category of cattle in certain parts of British Guiana. The Bill seeks to provide accordingly.

2. No sanction is provided for a contravention of the provisions of section 20 of the Ordinance and clause 5 of the Bill seeks to remedy this omission.

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