

# THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2007 LEGAL SUPPLEMENT - C

### BILL No. 16 of 2007

## Friday 4th May. 2007

PARLIAMENT OFFICE Public Buildings, Georgetown, 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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## SUMMARY JURISDICTION (OFFENCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2007

#### **ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

#### SECTION

- 1. Short title
- 2. Insertion of new section 151A in the Principal Act.

#### A BILL Intituled

#### AN ACT to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act.

A.D.2007 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title. 1. This Act, which amends the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act, may be Cap.8:02 cited as the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) (Amendment) Act 2007.

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Insertion of 2. The Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion after section 151 of the following section as section 151A-

"Lodging or harbouring of wanted persons.

new section

151A in the Principal Act.

> 151A. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 150 or any other law, everyone who knowingly lodges or harbours any person whose name and photograph have been publicly displayed or published by the police as a wanted person in connection with any alleged commission of a crime commits an offence and shall be liable to a fine of not less than fifty thousand dollars nor more than eighty thousand dollars together with imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years and the court may in addition to the penalty order to be forfeited to the State any assets derived by the commission of the offence or property, including immovable property, owned and used directly by the person in connection with the lodging or harbouring of the wanted person.".

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act (Cap 8:02).

Clause 1 of the Bill sets out the short title.

Clause 2 seeks to insert a new section 151A in the Principal Act so as to make it an offence the act by everyone who knowingly lodges or harbours any person whose name and photograph have been publicly displayed or published by the police as a wanted person in connection with any alleged commission of crime. It is proposed to provide stringent punishment for commission of such offences. The offenders will, on conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than fifty thousand dollars nor more than eighty thousand dollars together with imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years. It is also provided that the court may in addition to the penalty order to be forfeited to the State any assets derived by the commission of the offence or property, including immovable property, owned and used directly by the person in connection with the lodging or harbouring of the wanted person.

**Minister of Home Affairs.** 

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