

BILL No. 11 of 2002

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

S.E. Isaacs,
Clerk of the National Assembly.



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RACIAL HOSTILITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 2002

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of the section 2 of the Principal Act.
3. Amendment of section 3 of the Principal Act.
4. Insertion of new section 4 in the Principal Act.

**A BILL
Intituled**

AN ACT to amend the Racial Hostility Act.

A.D. 2002

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana--

Short title:
Cap. 23:00

1. This Act, which amends the Racial Hostility Act, may be cited as the Racial Hostility (Amendment) Act, 2002.

Amendment
of section 2
of the
Principal
Act.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects -

- (a) in subsection (3), by the substitution for the words "sixty-five thousand dollars" of the words "five hundred thousand dollars" and by the substitution for the words "two years" of the words "seven years";
- (b) in subsection (5), by the substitution for the definition of record of the following definition "record" means -
 - (i) any disc, tape, sound track, perforated roll or other device in which sounds or other data (not being visual images) are embodied so as to be capable (with or without the aid of some other instrument) of being automatically reproduced therefrom;
 - (ii) any film, negative, tape, or other device in which one or more visual images are embodied so as to be capable (with or without the aid of some other equipment) of being reproduced therefrom."

Amendment
of section 3
of the
Principal
Act.

3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is hereby amended -

- (a) in subsection (2), by the substitution for the words "thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars" of the words "two hundred and fifty thousand dollars" and for the words "twelve months" of the words "three years".
- (b) in subsection (5), by the substitution for the words "stations; and" of the words "stations, and includes a television station; and"

Insertion of
new section
4 in the
Principal
Act.

4. The Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 3 of the following section as section 4 -

4. Nothing in this Act limits or negates or shall be construed as limiting or negating the right of any person who suffers damage of the type contemplated by this Act to enforce that right in the civil jurisdiction of any Court."

"Civil
Remedy.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill substantially increases the penalties for offences committed under the Act.

It widens the definition of "record" to include any film, negative, tape or other device so that a person who commits an offence under the Act by publication in any film, negative or tape may be found guilty therefore.

The Bill also provides for a person who suffers damage of the type contemplated by the Act to proceed to enforce his right in the civil jurisdiction in any Court.

Ronald Gajraj,
Minister of Home Affairs.