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

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Acting Clerk of the National Assembly.



GUYANA

BILL No. 23 of 1975

PRISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 33 of the Principal Act.
3. Amendment of section 34 of the Principal Act.

A BILL

Intituled

An ACT to amend the Prisons Act.

A.D. 1975 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title
Cap 11:01.

1. This Act, which amends the Prisons Act, may be cited as the Prisons (Amendment) Act 1975.

Amendment
of section
33 of the
Principal
Act.

2. Section 33 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the deletion of the words “for life” appearing in subsection (1); and
- (b) by the addition of the following subsection as subsection (3) —

“(3) Where any licence under this section ceases to have effect by reason of a breach of any of the conditions thereof, or revoked, the person whose licence has ceased to have effect shall on being produced to the person in charge of the prison, wherefrom he was released on licence, be received therein and he shall, without prejudice to the power of the Minister as mentioned in subsection (2), serve the unexpired period of his sentence calculated as at the date of his release under licence without remission previously earned or granted.”

Amendment
of section
34 of the
Principal
Act.

3. Section 34 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the insertion in subsection (2) immediately before the word “this” of the words “section 33 and of”; and
- (b) by the deletion of subsection (3).

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Section 33 of the Prisons Act provides for a person undergoing imprisonment for life to be released from imprisonment under licence. It

is considered desirable that the Minister responsible for Home Affairs be empowered to release under licence any prisoner prior to the expiration of his term of imprisonment or of his being released by reason of the present system of remission subject to such conditions as the Minister sees fit. Accordingly clause 2 seeks to amend that section for the purpose of applying the provisions thereof to all prisoners.

Clause 3 apart from providing for an amendment to section 34, consequential on the amendment effected to section 33, permits for the coming into operation of the said section 34.

C. V. Mingo,
Minister of Home Affairs.

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