

## Bill No. 3 of 1968

### WRECKS REMOVAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1968.

#### Arrangement of Sections.

#### Section

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of section 6A in Chapter 268.

#### A BILL

#### Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Wrecks Removal Ordinance.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

A.D. 1968

1. This Act may be cited as the Wrecks Removal (Amendment) Act, 1968, and shall be construed and read as one with the Wrecks Removal Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

Short title

Cap. 268

2. The following section shall be inserted in the Principal Ordinance as section 6A —

Insertion of section 6A in Chapter

268

“Recovery of expenses where proceeds of sale are insufficient.”

6A. (1) Where the expenses incurred under section 4 of this Ordinance exceed the proceeds of sale of a vessel or part thereof, as the case may be, the Comptroller may recover from the owner of such vessel or part thereof the amount by which the expenses exceed the proceeds of sale.

(2) The amount referred to in subsection (1) of this section may be recovered as a civil debt from the owner of the vessel by the Comptroller, or any officer of the Customs and Excise Department acting on his behalf, under the Summary Jurisdiction (Petty Debt) Ordinance, whatever that amount may be.”

Cap. 16

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Wrecks Removal Ordinance (Chapter 268) provides for the removal of any vessel which is sunk, stranded or abandoned and is likely to be an obstruction or danger to navigation. The Ordinance also provides that any such vessel may be sold in order to recover the expenses incurred in its removal, but there is no provision to recover the excess in cases where the expenses incurred exceed the proceeds of sale of the vessel.

2. This Bill seeks to provide for the recovery of the excess as a civil debt from the owner of the vessel in a magistrate's court.

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Minister of Communications.