

BILL No. 18 of 2009

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL 2009

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 41 of the Principal Act.
3. Amendment of section 46 of the Principal Act.
4. Amendment of section 80 of the Principal Act.

**A BILL
Intituled**

AN ACT to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1997.

A.D. 2009

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.
Act No. 32 of
1997

1. This Act, which amends the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1997, may be cited as the Occupational Safety and Health (Amendment) Act 2009.

Amendment of
section 41 of the
Principal Act.

2. Section 41 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (2), the following subsection as subsection (3) -

Cap. 99:01.

"(3) Nothing in this section affects or limits section 3 (1) of the Employment of Young Persons and Children Act."

Amendment of
section 46 of the
Principal Act.

3. Section 46 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by repealing paragraphs (f) and (g).

Amendment of
section 80 of the
Principal Act.

4. Section 80 (1) of the Principal Act is amended -

- (a) by the insertion after the opening words "The Permanent Secretary", of the words "or the Chief Occupational Safety and Health Officer";
- (b) by the insertion after the words "for and on behalf of the Permanent Secretary", of the words "or the Chief Occupational Safety and Health Officer, as the case may be".

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

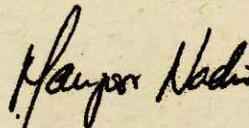
This Bill seeks to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1997 (Act No. 32 of 1997).

Clause 1 of the Bill sets out the short title of the proposed legislation.

Clause 2 seeks to amend section 41 of the Principal Act relating to prohibition of employment of children in factories. A new subsection (3) is sought to be inserted in the said section so as to clarify that the prohibition against employing children in factories does not limit the general prohibition against employing children provided in section 3 (1) of the Employment of Young Persons and Children Act (Cap. 99:01).

Clause 3 seeks to repeal paragraphs (f) and (g) of section 46 (2) of the Principal Act as those paragraphs have become redundant in view of the general prohibition against employing children provided in section 3 (1) of the Employment of Young Persons and Children Act (Cap. 99:01).

Clause 4 seeks to amend section 80 of the Principal Act so as to empower, besides the Permanent Secretary, the Chief Occupational Safety and Health Officer also to institute prosecutions for enforcing the provisions of the Act.



Minister of Labour.