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**LEGAL SUPPLEMENT — C**

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**BILL No. 10 of 2003**

*Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2003*

**PARLIAMENT OFFICE**  
**Public Buildings,**  
**Georgetown,**  
**Guyana.**

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

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



**GUYANA**

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**CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) (No. 3) BILL 2003**

**ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE**

1. Short title.
2. Alteration of the article 149 of the Constitution.

**A BILL**  
**Intituled**

AN ACT to alter the Constitution in accordance with articles 66 and 164.

A.D. 2003

1. This Act may be cited as the Constitution (Amendment) (No. 3) Act 2003.

Alteration of  
article 149  
of the  
Constitution.

2. Article 149 of the Constitution is hereby altered in the following respects -

(a) by the substitution of paragraph (2), of the following paragraph -

“(2) In this article expression 'discriminatory' means affording different treatment to different persons attributable wholly or mainly to their or their parents' or guardians' respective descriptions by race, place of origin, political opinions, colour, creed, age, disability, marital status, sex, gender, language, sexual orientation, birth, social class, pregnancy, religion, conscience, belief or culture whereby persons of one such description are subjected to disabilities or restrictions to which other persons of the same or another such description are not made subject or are accorded privileges or advantages which are not afforded to other persons of the same or another such description.”;  
and

(b) by the substitution for paragraph (4), of the following paragraph -

“(4) Nothing contained in any law shall be held to be inconsistent with or in contravention of paragraph (1) (a) to the extent that it makes provision with respect to standards or qualifications (not being standards or qualifications specifically relating to a person's or his or her parents' or guardians' respective description by race, place of origin, political opinions, colour, creed, age, disability, marital status, sex, gender, language, sexual orientation, birth, social class, pregnancy, religion, conscience, belief or culture) to be required of any person who is appointed to any office in the public service, any office in a disciplined force, or any office in the service of a local democratic organ or of a body corporate established by any law for public purposes.”.

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill, which alters article 149 of the Constitution, expands the meaning of discrimination thereby affording constitutional protection against discrimination on a number of bases, notably, sexual orientation, marital status, disability and pregnancy.



**Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs.**