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

F. A. Narain,
Clerk of the National Assembly.



GUYANA

BILL No. 16 of 1998

SUMMARY JURISDICTION (PROCEDURE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 8 of the Principal Act.
3. Amendment of section 37 of the Principal Act.
4. Amendment of section 38 of the Principal Act.
5. Amendment of section 50 of the Principal Act.
6. Amendment of section 61 of the Principal Act.
7. Amendment of section 62 of the Principal Act.
8. Amendment of section 82 of the Principal Act.
9. Amendment of section 83 of the Principal Act.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act.

A.D. 1998 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.
Cap. 10:02

1. This Act, which amends the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act, may be cited as the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) (Amendment) Act 1998.

Amendment
of section 8
of the
Principal
Act.

2. Subsection (13) of section 8 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “one hundred dollars” of the words “not less than ten thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars”.

Amendment
of section
37 of the
Principal
Act.

3. Section 37 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “forty thousand dollars” of the words “eighty thousand dollars”.

Amendment
of section
38 of the
Principal
Act.

4. Section 38 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words appearing immediately after the word “order” and ending with the words “nine months” of the following:—

“does not exceed \$10,000twenty days;

exceeds \$10,000 but does
not exceed \$15,000forty-two days;

exceeds \$15,000 but does
not exceed \$30,000twelve weeks;

exceeds \$30,000 but does
not exceed \$50,000six months;

exceeds \$50,000 but does
not exceed \$70,000 ten months;

exceeds \$70,000eighteen months”.

Amendment
of section
50 of the
Principal
Act.

5. Paragraph (e) of section 50 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “not exceeding fifty dollars” of the words “exceeding five thousand dollars but not exceeding ten thousand dollars”.

6. Section 61 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution —

Amendment
of section
61 of the
Principal
Act.

(a) in the proviso to subsection (1) for the words “fifty thousand dollars” of the words “one hundred thousand dollars”,

(b) in subsection (12) for the words “three years” of the words “six years”.

7. Section 62 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution in the proviso thereof for the words “six months” of the words “twelve months”.

Amendment
of section
62 of the
Principal
Act.

8. Section 82(3) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “six months” of the words “twelve months”.

Amendment
of section
82 of the
Principal
Act.

9. Section 83 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “three months” of the words “six months”.

Amendment
of section
83 of the
Principal
Act.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Act which this Bill amends was amended in 1997 to increase penalties. It is now being further amended to provide for a minimum benchmark for each offence and to increase custodial sentences.

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Minister of Legal Affairs.