



## GUYANA.

BILL NO. 13 OF 1971.

SEA DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1971.

### Arrangement of Sections.

#### Section.

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of the Sea Defence Ordinance.
3. Amendment of Chapters 2 and 175.

## A BILL

## Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Sea Defence Ordinance and to make minor amendments to the Civil Law of Guyana Ordinance and the State Lands Ordinance.

A.D. 1971. Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana.

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Sea Defence (Amendment) Act, 1971.

Amendment of the Sea Defence Ordinance, Cap. 191. 2. The Sea Defence Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

(a) by the substitution of the following subsection for section 18(2) —

“(2) Any person who contravenes or aids or abets any person in contravening the provisions of this section, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction therefor to a fine of one thousand dollars and imprisonment for six months.”;

(b) by the deletion from section 19 of all the words appearing after the word “fine” and the substitution therefor of the words “of five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for three months”;

(c) by the substitution in section 20 for the words “no exceeding fifty dollars” of the words “of two thousand dollars and to imprisonment for twelve months and any such matter or thing together with any article used in connection with the removal thereof shall be forfeited”;

(d) by the substitution in section 21 of the words “one hundred” for the words “not exceeding five”;

(e) by the substitution in section 22 of the words “one hundred” for the words “not exceeding twenty four”; and

(f) by the substitution in section 24(2) of the word “thousand” for the word “hundred”.

Amendment of Chapters 2 and 175. 3. (1) Section 4(3) of the Civil Law of Guyana Ordinance hereby amended by the substitution of the words “Minister assigned responsibility for sea defences” for the word “President”.

Cap. 175. (2) Section 21(1) of the State Lands Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the words “fine of two thousand do

lars and to imprisonment for twelve" for all the words beginning with the word "penalty" and ending with the word "two".

### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

It has become necessary, because of the prevalence of the illegal practice of removing substances from the foreshore, to provide more severe penalties for such conduct and this Bill therefore seeks to increase the penalties provided by the Sea Defence Ordinance (Chapter 191) and the State Lands Ordinance (Chapter 175). In addition, the power conferred upon the President by section 4(3) of the Civil Law of Guyana Ordinance is now sought to be vested in the Minister assigned responsibility for sea defences.

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(Bill No. 13/1971)

(H. 25/3 (By.))