

**GUYANA**

BILL No. 29 of 1975

DEFENCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 18 of the Principal Act.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Defence Act.

A. D. 1975. Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title
Cap. 15:01

1. This Act, which amends the Defence Act, may be cited as the Defence (Amendment) Act 1975.

Amendment
of section
18 of the
Principal
Act.

2. Section 18 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by substituting a comma for the full stop after the word "Force" in subsection (2) and inserting the following words thereafter —

"unless consent to the enlistment has been given in writing —

- (a) if the person offering to enlist is living with both or one of his parents, by the parents or parent;
- (b) if he is not living with both or one of his parents, but with any person (whether a parent or not) whose whereabouts are known or can after reasonable inquiry be ascertained who has parental rights and powers in respect of him, by that person;
- (c) if there is no such person as is mentioned in paragraph (b) or if after reasonable inquiry it cannot be ascertained whether there is any such person, by any person in whose care (whether in law or in fact) the person offering to enlist may be."

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The provisions of the Defence Act (Cap. 15:01) do not permit persons under the age of eighteen years to be enlisted in the Guyana Defence Force. This Bill seeks to enable persons under that age to be so enlisted.

L. F. S. Burnham,
Prime Minister.