



## GUYANA

BILL No. 30 of 1975

INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT)  
BILL 1975

### ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

#### SECTION

1. Short title and commencement.
2. Repeal and re-enactment of section 38 of the Principal Act.
3. Power to amend or modify other enactments.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Interpretation and General Clauses Act.

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

Short title  
and com-  
mencement.  
Cap: 2:01.

1. This Act, which amends the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, may be cited as the Interpretation and General Clauses (Amendment) Act 1975, and shall come into operation on 1st August, 1975.

Repeal and  
re-enact-  
ment of  
section  
38 of the  
Principal  
Act.

2. Section 38 of the Principal Act is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

Standard  
Time

38. (1) Subject to subsection (2), where any expression of time occurs in any written law or public document, the time referred to shall signify the standard time of Guyana which shall be three hours behind Greenwich Mean Time.

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect the use of local mean time for purposes of astronomy, meteorology, navigation or other purposes for which that time is adopted by international usage or the construction of any document referring to a point of time in connection with any of those purposes.”

Power to  
amend or  
modify other  
enactments.

3. The Minister assigned responsibility for legal matters (other than criminal prosecutions) may, by order which shall be subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly, amend or modify any enactment for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of section 38 of the Principal Act as repealed and re-enacted by section 2 of this Act.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Interpretation and General Clauses Act (Chapter 2:01) to provide for the standard time of Guyana to be three hours behind Greenwich Mean Time.

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