



GUYANA

BILL No. 12 OF 1977

CINEMATOGRAPH (AMENDMENT) BILL 1977

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Insertion of section 16 in Chapter 21:02.
3. Re-numbering of section 5 of Chapter 80:06 and insertion of a new section.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Cinematograph Act and to effect a related amendment to the Entertainments Duty Act.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title
Cap. 21:02

1. This Act, which amends the Cinematograph Act, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Act, may be cited as the Cinematograph (Amendment) Act 1977.

Insertion of
section 16
in Chapter
21:02

2. The Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 15 of the following section as section 16 —

“Unauthor-
ised sale of
tickets.”

- 16 (1) Any person who, in the vicinity of a place licensed under this Act, sells or offers for sale any ticket for admission to that place, other than from a booth or ticket office provided on the premises thereof for the purpose by the licensee of that place shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) Any person who buys a ticket offered for sale in the manner prohibited by subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.
- (3) Where an act prohibited by subsection (1) is committed on the premises of a place licensed under this Act, the licensee or manager thereof shall be guilty of an offence:

Provided that it shall be a defence for the licensee or manager to show that reasonable measures were taken by either of them to prevent the commission of the act.

- (4) For the purpose of any proceedings for an offence under subsection (1) the statement in the complaint that a document sold or offered for sale by the defendant is a ticket for admission to a particular place or that a particular place is licensed under this Act shall be *prime facie* evidence of the document being such a ticket or that the place is so licensed, as the case may be.

(5) Any person guilty of an offence under this section shall on summary conviction be liable to —

(a) a fine of not less than three hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for not less than three months nor more than six months;

(b) a fine of not less nor more than five hundred dollars together with imprisonment for not less nor more than six months, on a second or subsequent conviction”.

3. The Entertainment Duty Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

(a) by the re-numbering of section 5 as section 6; and

(b) by the insertion immediately after section 4 of the following section as section 5 —

Re-numbering of section 5 of Chapter 80:06 and insertion of a new section.

“Unauthorised sale of tickets.

5. (1) Any person who sells or offers for sale any ticket for admission to an entertainment other than on behalf of the proprietor of the entertainment shall be guilty of an offence.

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(2) The provisions of subsections (4) and (5) of section 16 of the Cinematograph Act shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any proceedings taken in respect of an offence under subsection (1).”

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Much to the inconvenience and expense of citizens, it has become the practice, particularly in the urban areas, for persons to purchase a number of tickets for admission to public entertainments and thereafter to offer them for sale at greatly inflated prices to other members of the public who are seeking admission.

The amendment to the Cinematograph Act, Chapter 21:02, proposed by clause 2 of this Bill seeks to make it an offence for tickets to be sold or bought at a cinema other than from a booth provided for the purpose by the management of the cinema.

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to insert a new section in the Entertainments Duty Act, Chapter 80:06 to make it an offence for a person, otherwise than with the authority of the management of the places where public entertainments are held or the promoters of such entertainments, to sell or offer for sale tickets of admission to such entertainments.

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