

L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1961

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INTERPRETATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. Short title and commencement.
2. Repeal and re-enactment of section 10 of Chapter 5.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INTERPRETATION ORDINANCE.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. (1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Interpretation (Amendment) Ordinance, 1961, and shall be construed and read with the Interpretation Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

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(2) This Ordinance shall come into operation on the date on which it is published in the Gazette.

2. Section 10 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor —

Repeal and re-enactment of section 10 of Chapter 5.

10. Every Ordinance enacted under the Constitution of British Guiana shall be published in the Gazette and, subject to anything to the contrary in that Ordinance, shall come into operation —

“Commencement of Ordinances.

(a) where such enactment is effected in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of article 74 of the said Constitution, on the date of such publication; or

(b) where such enactment is effected in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) of the said paragraph, on the date of the publication required by that sub-paragraph.”

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this first day of November, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

I. CRUM EWING,
Clerk of the Legislature.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Article 74(1) of the Constitution of British Guiana provides that a Bill shall not become law until it has been assented to by the Governor or Her Majesty and, in the latter event, the Governor has signified Her assent by proclamation published in the Gazette. The Constitution does not, however, contain provision as to when an Ordinance should come into operation.

2. This Bill seeks to make general provision to the effect that an Ordinance should, in the absence of special provision to the contrary, come into operation on the date on which it is published in the Gazette or, if assented to by Her Majesty, on the date when such assent is signified by publication of the Governor's proclamation in the Gazette. Such general provision is similar to that formerly contained in subsections (3) and (4) of section 78 of the British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council, 1953, which is now revoked. Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to substitute this general provision for section 10 of the Interpretation Ordinance, Chapter 5 which merely drew attention to section 78 of the British Guiana (Constitution) Order in Council, 1953.

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