#### **GUYANA**

### BILL No. 24 of 2018

# INCOME TAX (IN AID OF INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2018

#### ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

#### **Section**

- 1. Short title and commencement.
- 2. Amendment of section 2A of the Principal Act.
- 3. Amendment of section 3 of the Principal Act.
- 4. Amendment of section 10 of the Principal Act.

#### A BILL Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Income Tax (In Aid of Industry) Act.

A.D. 2018 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title and commencement.

Cap. 81:02

1. This Act, which amends the Income Tax (In Aid of Industry) Act, may be cited as the Income Tax (In Aid of Industry) (Amendment) Act 2018 and shall come into operation with respect to and from the year of income commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019.

Amendment of section 2A of the Principal Act.

2. Section 2A of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after subsection (2) of the following subsection –

Cap. 81:01 Cap. 81:03 "(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Income Tax Act or the Corporation Tax Act, a tax credit equaling 75% of income and corporate taxes on profits will be granted on the provision of tourism activities in regions 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10.".

Amendment of section 3 of the Principal Act.

- 3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after subsection (1) of the following subsection
  - "(1A) Initial allowances shall be allowed on hotel buildings in regions 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10.".

Amendment of section 10 of the Principal Act.

- 4. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended as follows
  - (a) by the insertion immediately after the word "used", of the words ", for provision of service, warehouse or"; and
  - (b) in the marginal note, by the insertion immediately after the words "Sports pavilions", of the words ", service buildings and warehouses".

## **Explanatory Memorandum**

Clause 2 of the Bill amends section 2A of the Income Tax (In Aid of Industry) Act to allow for a tax credit equaling 75% for tourism activities of income tax and corporate tax payable on profits from tourism activities in regions 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Clause 3 amends section 3 of the Act to allow for initial allowances on hotel buildings in regions 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Clause 4 of the Bill amends section 10 of the Act to provide for allowances for buildings used for the provision of services and for buildings used as warehouses.

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