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**GUYANA**

BILL No. 3 of 1985

MAHAICA—MAHAICONY—ABARY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 22 of the Principal Act.

3. Amendment of section 28 of the Principal Act.
4. Amendment of section 39 of the Principal Act.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary Agricultural Development Authority Act 1977.

A.D. 1985. Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana :—

Short title.  
No. 27 of  
1977

1. This Act, which amends the Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary Agricultural Development Authority Act 1977, may have cited as the Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary Agricultural Development Authority (Amendment) Act 1985.

Amendment  
of section 22  
of the  
Principal  
Act.

2. Section 22 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the renumbering of it as subsection (1) thereof and —

- (a) by the insertion in the marginal note after the word “water” of the words “and renewable natural resources”; and
- (b) by the insertion after subsection (1) as so renumbered of the following subsections as subsections (2) and (3) —

“(2) The Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations to regulate and direct the use of renewable natural resources in the area to secure the best and socially beneficial use thereof and to monitor the operation of their use.

(3) The regulations made under this section may prescribe a penalty not exceeding five thousand dollars and one year imprisonment for the breach of any provision thereof”.

Amendment  
of section 28  
of the  
Principal  
Act.

3. Section 28 of the Principal Act is hereby amended as follows :—

- (a) by the substitution in subsection (4) for the words “shall not” of the words “may with the approval of the Minister,”;

- (b) by the substitution in subsection (5) for the words “drainage and Irrigation Board” of the word “council” and by the substitution for the words “Drainage and Irrigation Act” of the words “Municipal and District Councils Act”;
- (c) by the insertion after subsection (5) of the following subsections as subsections (6) and (7) —

“(6) The preceding provisions of this section shall apply in relation to every parcel of State land within the Area as if references to “proprietor” therein were references, —

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- (a) where the parcel of State Land is held under a lease, or is occupied or used under a licence or permission granted under the State Lands Act, to the lessee, licensee or permittee, as the case may be;
- (b) where the parcel of State Land is in the possession or occupation of, or is being utilised by, any person and that person cannot establish any right or title for such possession, occupation or utilisation, to the person so in possession or occupation of, or utilising the parcel of State land; and
- (c) in other cases, to the State.

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(7) in this section “council” has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Municipal and District Councils Act”.

4. Section 39(1) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion after paragraph (d) of the following paragraph as paragraph (dd) —

Amendment  
of section 39  
of the  
Principal  
Act.

“(dd) prescribing procedures for the recovery of charges for drainage and irrigation services;”.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Mahaica-Mahaicony-Abary Agricultural Development Authority Act 1977 to empower the Authority to take into account interest and certain charges with respect to capital costs of drainage and irrigation systems while fixing charges for drainage and irrigation services, to make regulations with respect to the use of re-

newable natural resources and to enlarge the power of the Authority to protect the environment. The Bill seeks also to provide for the recovery of charges by the Authority to be in accordance with procedures to recover rates under the Municipal and District Councils Act, Cap. 28:01. It is also intended by this Bill to provide that all State lands within the Area held under a lease, licence or permission, or in the possession or occupation of any person shall be liable and subject to charges for drainage and irrigation services.

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Prime Minister

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