The Official Gazette

(EXTRAORDINARY)

OF GUYANA

Published by the Authority of the Government

GEORGETOWN, FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY, 2026

TABLE OF CONTENTS **PAGE**

FIRST SUPPLEMENT

LEGAL SUPPLEMENT

A. **ACTS — NIL**

B. **SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION — NIL**

C. **BILLS —** BILL No. 4 of 2026 – The Marriage (Amendment) Act 2026. … … … … … … 25

GEORGETOWN, Demerara – Printed and Published every Saturday and on such Extraordinary Days as may be directed by the Government by Guyana National Printers Limited, 1 Public Road, La Penitence, Greater Georgetown.

THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2026
LEGAL SUPPLEMENT – C

BILL No. 4 of 2026 *Friday 6th February, 2026*

PARLIAMENT OFFICE
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
Guyana.

6th February, 2026

The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

S.E. Isaacs,
Clerk of the National Assembly.

GUYANA

BILL No. 4 of 2026

MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2026

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 43 of the Principal Act.
3. Deletion of section 45 of the Principal Act.

A BILL
Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Marriage Act.

A.D. 2026 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title. Cap. 45:01

1. This Act, which amends the Marriage Act, may be cited as the Marriage (Amendment) Act 2026.

Amendment of section 43 of the Principal Act.

2. Section 43 of the Principal Act is amended –

(a) in subsection (1), by the deletion of the words "at least two days before it is required"; and

(b) by the deletion of subsection (2)(e).

Deletion of section 45 of the Principal Act.

3. The Principal Act is amended by the deletion of Section 45.

Explanatory Memorandum

This Bill seeks to amend the Marriage Act to repeal the residency requirement for persons seeking a marriage licence granted by the Minister, the requirement that persons seeking a licence must submit a petition to the Minister two days in advance of the date on which the licence will be utilised, and the requirement that the Minister must consider objections to the grant of the licence before granting it.

Section 43 of the Act presently requires that the application by petition for a licence to marry be lodged at the office of the Minister at least two days before it is required, and one of the parties intending to be married must have had his or her usual place of abode within Guyana for a period of fifteen days immediately before the grant of the licence. Section 45 provides that a person may object to the grant of a licence by the Minister and that the Minister may not grant the licence until the Minister is satisfied that the objection ought not obstruct the grant of the licence.

Clause 2 of this Bill seeks to remove the requirements in relation to the deadline for petitions for a licence and in relation to residency.

Clause 3 seeks to remove the requirement that the Minister considers objections before granting a licence.

Honourable Oneidge Walrond, MP
Minister of Home Affairs