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LEGAL SUPPLEMENT — C

BILL No. 8 of 2025 *Friday 16th May, 2025*

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

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

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BILL No. 8 of 2025

CRIMINAL LAW MISCELLANEOUS BILL 2025

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.

2. Amendment of certain enactments.

A BILL

INTITULED

AN ACT to amend certain enactments.

A.D.2025 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana –

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Criminal Law Miscellaneous Bill 2025.

Amendment of certain enactments. Schedule.

2. The enactments specified in the first column of the Schedule are hereby amended in the manner specified in the second column.

SCHEDULE **section 2.**

Enactments	Amendments
Criminal Law (Offences) Act, Cap. 8:01 Section 227 (1)	Delete paragraph (c).
Insertion of new Part	Insert new Part IVA as follows – **PART IVA** **BEING MASKED OR DISGUISED**
"Specified offences using a mask or disguise.	346A. Any person who commits any offence under – (a) Titles 12, 14 and 15 of PART III; or

	(b) PART IV, while wearing a mask or disguise to conceal his or her identity commits an offence and in addition to the penalty provided for the specified offences under paragraphs (a) and (b), shall be liable to an additional fine of not less than one hundred thousand dollars nor more than five hundred thousand dollars or to imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than five years.".
Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act, Cap. 8:02 Section 25	Substitute for the words "seven thousand five hundred dollars nor more than fifteen thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for eighteen months" the words "fifty thousand dollars nor more than seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for three years".

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to make amendments to **Criminal Law (Offences) Act** and the **Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act**.

Clause 2 of the Bill makes provision for the Schedule which sets out how the various amendments are made to the respective legislation set out therein. Accordingly, the enactments specified in the first column are amended in the manner specified in the second column of the Schedule and are as follows:

The Criminal Law (Offences) Act Cap. 8:01 is amended by deleting section 227(1)(c) and inserting new **PART IVA** into the Principal Act to make provision for specified offences using a mask or disguise.

The Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act Cap. 8:02 is amended in section 25 to increase the penalty for the offence of unlawfully assaulting a person while masked or otherwise disguised, from "seven thousand five hundred dollars nor more than fifteen thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for eighteen months" to "fifty thousand dollars nor more than seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for three years".

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