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LEGAL SUPPLEMENT — A

GUYANA
ACT No. 21 of 2024
WILLS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2024

I assent.

Mohamed Irfaan Ali,
President.
27th December, 2024

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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1. Short title.
2. Insertion of new section 6A in the Principal Act.
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AN ACT to amend the Wills Act.

A.D. 2024 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title. Cap. 12:02

1. This Act, which amends the Wills Act, may be cited as the Wills (Amendment) Act 2024.

Insertion of new section 6A in the Principal Act.

2. The Principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 6 of the following section –

"Affidavit of attesting witness as to due execution of a will.

6A. (1) One of the attesting witnesses to a will may swear to an affidavit of due execution of the will, immediately after the execution of the will or as soon as practicable after the execution of the will.

(2) The affidavit of due execution of the will referred to in subsection (1), may be stated at the bottom of the will or on a separate page annexed to the will, or may be a separate document.

(3) Notwithstanding any other law or practice, an affidavit of due execution of a will from one of the attesting witnesses to the will shall be sufficient evidence as to the due execution of the will unless the Court orders otherwise.".

Insertion of new section 14 in the Principal Act.

3. The Principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after section 13 of the following section –

"Regulations.

14. (1) The Minister may make regulations for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

(2) Regulations may provide for offences for breach of any regulation and the penalties shall not exceed a fine of one million dollars and

imprisonment of five years.

(3) Regulations made under this section shall be subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly.".

Passed by the National Assembly on the 18th , 2024.

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

(BILL No. 17/2024)