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LEGAL SUPPLEMENT — A

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ACT NO. 15 OF 2021

EVIDENCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 2021

I assent.

Mohamed Irfaan Ali,
President.
20th December, 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

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

AN ACT to amend the Evidence Act.

A.D. 2021 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.

Cap. 5:03

1. This Act, which amends the Evidence Act, may be cited as the Evidence (Amendment) Act 2021.

Amendment of section 43 of the Principal Act.

2. Section 43 of the Principal Act is amended as follows –

(a) in subsection (1), by the insertion immediately after the word "analyst" of the words "or evidence officer";

(b) in subsection (4)(c)(v), by the insertion immediately after the words "human blood," of the words "hair,";

(c) in subsection (4), by the substitution for paragraph (d), of the following –

"(d) a certificate or laboratory examination form issued by the Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory or any other accredited forensic science laboratory as may be prescribed by the Minister, by order, after consultation with the Director of the Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory.";

(d) in subsection (5), by the substitution for the words "scientific officer of the Guyana Police Force" of the words "science officer of the Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory";

(e) by the insertion immediately after subsection (5) of the following subsection–

"(6) In this section "evidence officer" means an officer of the Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory assigned the duty of legal evidence custodian and who receives evidence from, and releases evidence to, an analyst or an investigating officer.".

Passed by the National Assembly on the 13th *December, 2021.*

S.E. Isaacs,

Clerk of the National Assembly.

(BILL No. 11/2021)