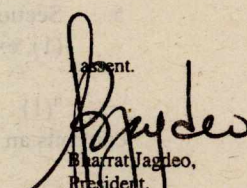




GUYANA

ACT No. 14 of 2009

**PUBLIC UTILITY UNDERTAKINGS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
ARBITRATION (AMENDMENT) ACT 2009**

Assent.

Bharrat Jagdeo,
President.
14th August, 2009

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of the long title to the Principal Act.
3. Amendment of section 1 of the Principal Act.
4. Amendment of section 4 of the Principal Act.
5. Amendment of section 19 of the Principal Act.
6. Repeal and re-enactment of the Schedule to the Principal Act.

AN ACT to amend the Public Utility Undertakings and Public Health Services Arbitration Act.

A.D. 2009

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.
Cap 54:01

1. This Act, which amends the Public Utility Undertakings and Public Health Services Arbitration Act, may be cited as the Public Utility Undertakings and Public Health Services Arbitration (Amendment) Act 2009.

Amendment of
the long title to
the Principal Act.

2. The long title to the Principal Act is amended by substituting for the words "in public utility undertakings and in certain services and to prohibit strikes and lock-outs in such undertakings or services", the words "in essential services and to prohibit strikes and lock-outs in such services".

Amendment of
section 1 of the
Principal Act.

3. Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting, -

- (a) in subsection (1), for the words "Public Utility Undertakings and Public Health Services", the words "Essential Services";
- (b) in subsection (2), for the words "those services" the words "the essential services".

Amendment of
section 4 of the
Principal Act.

4. Section 4 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting, in subsection (1), for the words "a Public Utility and Public Health Services Arbitration Tribunal", the words "an Essential Services Arbitration Tribunal".

Amendment of
section 19 of the
Principal Act.

5. Section 19 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting, for subsection (1), except the proviso, the following -

"(1) Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with section 12 commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to -

- (a) a fine not exceeding thirty thousand dollars and imprisonment for two months; and
- (b) if the offence is a continuing one, a further fine not exceeding one thousand dollars for every day or part of a day during which the offence continues."

Repeal and re-
enactment of the
Schedule to the
Principal Act.

6. The Schedule to the Principal Act is repealed and re-enacted by the following Schedule -

"SCHEDULE **secs. 1 (2) and 20.**
Essential Services

1. Any dockage, wharfage, discharging, loading or unloading of vessels or related service.
2. Any direct or indirect production, storage, distribution, sale, delivery or supply of potable water.

3. Any direct or indirect generation, transmission, sale or supply of electricity.
4. Any service essential to the continued provision of telecommunications.
5. Any health care or related service operated by –
 - (i) the Georgetown Public Hospital Board;
 - (ii) any other public corporation established under the Public Corporations Act 1988 (No. 21 of 1988);
 - (iii) a public hospital;
 - (iv) the Government; or
 - (v) a local authority.
6. Any air traffic control service.
7. Any service provided by the Transport and Harbours Department or the Maritime Authority.
8. Any service related to drainage and irrigation.
9. Any cemetery, scavenging or solid waste services of a municipality.
10. The marketing and distribution services of all petroleum and allied products."

Passed by the National Assembly on 7th May, 2009.



S.E. Isaacs,
Clerk of the National Assembly

(Bill No. 13/2009)