

ACT No. 6 of 2011

TITLE TO LAND (PRESCRIPTION AND LIMITATION) (AMENDMENT) ACT 2011

I assent.

Bharrat Jagdeo,
President

March 30 2011

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

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AN ACT to amend the Title to Land (Prescription and Limitation) Act.

A.D. 2011 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.

Cap. 60:02

1. This Act, which amends the Title to Land (Prescription and Limitation) Act, may be cited as the Title to Land (Prescription and Limitation) (Amendment) Act 2011.

Repeal and reenactment of section 3 of the Principal Act. 2. Section 3 of the Principal Act is repealed and the following section reenacted as section 3-

"Title by prescription to land.

- 3. (1) Where the Court is satisfied that the right of every other person to recover land or any undivided or other interest in land has expired or been barred and the title of every person to the land has been extinguished, title to the land may, subject to subsection (2), be acquired—
 - (a) by sole and undisturbed possession, user or enjoyment for not less than twelve years;
 - (b) if possession, user or enjoyment is established to the satisfaction of the Court; and
 - (c) if possession, user or enjoyment was not taken or enjoyed by fraud or by some consent or agreement expressly made or given for that purpose.
- (2) State land, Government land, land wholly owned by State entities including companies and corporations or in which the controlling interest is vested in the State and any land identified by law or on a plan drawn and approved in accordance with any law for reserves for the public interest and benefit or to any undivided or other interest in any land in this subsection is expressly excluded and shall not be acquired by prescription through adverse possession.".

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Amendment of section 13 of the Principal Act.

Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion immediately after the word "extinguished" the words "except in the case of lands referred to in section 3 (2)".

Claims.

4. Any proceedings pending immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be continued as if this Act had not been passed.

Passed by the National Assembly on 10th March, 2011.

Clerk of the National Assembly.

(BILL No. 3/2011).