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BILL No. 7 of 2026

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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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HIRE-PURCHASE (AMENDMENT) BILL 2026

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 32 of the Principal Act.

A BILL
Intituled

An Act to amend the Hire-Purchase Act 2022.

A.D. 2026 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.
No. 23 of 2022

1. This Act, which amends the Hire-Purchase Act 2022, may be cited as the Hire-Purchase (Amendment) Act 2026.

Amendment of
section 32 of the
Principal Act.

2. Section 32 of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution for that section, of the following –

“Jurisdiction
of the High
Court and the
magistrate’s
court.

32. (1) Any claim or other proceeding arising out of this Act shall be made or instituted in the High Court or a magistrate’s court irrespective of the value of the claim, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, inclusive of section 24.

Cap. 3:02
Cap. 3:01
Cap. 7:05
Cap. 3:05
Cap. 3:04

(2) The High Court Act, Court of Appeal Act, Summary Jurisdiction (Petty Debt) Act, Summary Jurisdiction (Magistrates) Act and Summary Jurisdiction (Appeals) Act and rules made thereunder shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in respect of every such claim or proceeding arising out of this Act, made or instituted in the High Court or a magistrate’s court.”.

Explanatory Memorandum

This amendment seeks to remove the ambiguity in the extant section 32 of the Hire-Purchase Act 2022 by expressly providing for any claim or other proceeding arising out of the Act to be made or instituted in either the High Court or a magistrate's court irrespective of the value of the claim, and notwithstanding any other provision of the Act, inclusive of section 24. By doing so it removes all monetary limitations from the Summary Jurisdiction (Petty Debt) Act and other summary jurisdiction legislation to claims or other proceedings arising out of the Hire-Purchase Act, and provides for such claims and other proceeding to be made or instituted in the High Court or the magistrate's court, and notwithstanding a restriction to a court by any provision of the Act, inclusive of section 24.

This amendment facilitates the filing of proceedings under the Act in either the High Court or the magistrate's court where it is practical and convenient so to do, or where the parties to the hire-purchase agreement live or have their place of business.

This amendment facilitates parties to the Hire-Purchase agreement to file proceedings in either the High Court or the magistrate's court, where it is practical and convenient to choose that court, or where the parties to the hire-purchase agreement reside or have their place of business within proximity of that court.



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