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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.

GUYANA

BILL No. 7 OF 2021

CIVIL LAW OF GUYANA (AMENDMENT) BILL 2021

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 5(1) of the Principal Act.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Civil Law of Guyana Act.

A.D. 2021

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.

Cap. 6:01

1. This Act, which amends the Civil Law of Guyana Act, may be cited as the Civil Law of Guyana (Amendment) Act 2021.

Amendment of section 5(1) of the Principal Act.

2. Section 5(1) of the Principal Act is amended by the substitution for paragraph (b) of the following –

"(b) if there are no descendants, the widow or widower shall take the whole estate;".

Explanatory Memorandum

This Bill seeks to amend section 5(1)(b) of the Civil Law of Guyana Act, Cap. 6:01.

Section 5(1)(b) provides that where a person dies intestate, and leaves a widow or widower, but no descendant, his estate shall be divided, after all debts, funeral expenses, and just expenses have been deducted from the estate, to give one-half of the estate to the widow or widower and to distribute the residue equally among the next of kin of the person who dies intestate who are in equal degree.

The amendment to section 5(1)(b) provides that where a person dies intestate and leaves a widow or widower and there are no descendants, the widow or widower of the intestate shall take the whole estate after all debts, funeral expenses, and just expenses have been deducted from the estate.

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