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GUYANA

ACT No. 7 OF 1995

**MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY
ACT 1995**

I assent.

CHEDDI JAGAN,
President.
14th June, 1995

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

PRELIMINARY

SECTION

1. Short title and application.
2. Interpretation.
3. Modification of sections 78, 79, 80 and 99 of the Criminal Law (Offences) Act.

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COUNSELLING

4. Counselling.

TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY

- 5. Termination of pregnancy of not more than eight weeks duration.
- 6. Termination of pregnancy of more than eight weeks and not more than sixteen weeks duration.
- 7. Termination of pregnancy of more than sixteen weeks duration.
- 8. Consent.
- 9. Non-liability of medical practitioner.
- 10. Non-application of certain provisions.
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AN ACT to reform the law relating to medical terminations of pregnancies, to enhance the dignity and sanctity of life by reducing the incidence of induced abortion, to enhance the attainment of safe motherhood by eliminating deaths and complications due to unsafe abortion, to prescribe those circumstances in which any woman who voluntarily and in good faith wishes to terminate her pregnancy may lawfully do so and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana: -

A.D. 1995

1.(1) This Act may be cited as the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act 1995.

Short title and application.

(2) This Act applies to treatment for the termination of pregnancy by medication, surgical procedures or other means.

2.(1) In this Act -

Interpretation.

(a) "approved institution" means any institution approved by the Minister for the purposes of this Act;

(b) "authorised medical practitioner" means any person registered as a duly qualified medical practitioner under the Medical Practitioners Act 1991 and, being either a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology with such experience as may be prescribed or a medical practitioner authorised in accordance with regulations made under section 16 to perform medical terminations of pregnancies;

(c) "foetus" includes an embryo;

(d) "institution" means -

(i) a hospital;

(ii) a clinic;

(iii) a nursing home, including a maternity home;

