

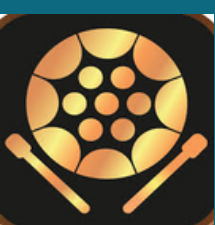


Bill Essentials No. 9 of 2023/2024  
4th Session, 12th Parliament

# THE NATIONAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT BILL, 2024

The Bill was introduced by Senator the Honourable Randall Mitchell, Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts in the House of Representatives on June 7, 2024.

## Background Information:



The Steelpan, which was created in Trinidad and Tobago is a significant source of national pride. This percussion instrument's rich sound has attained global acclaim and August 11 is now recognised as World Steelpan Day. In honouring the contribution of the Steelpan to Trinidad and Tobago's rich cultural identity, this Bill seeks to declare the Steelpan as the National Musical Instrument.

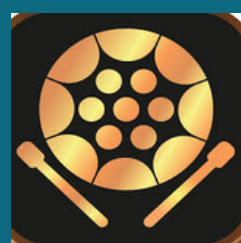
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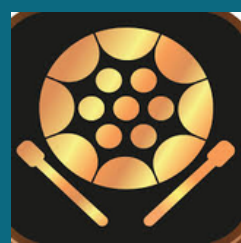
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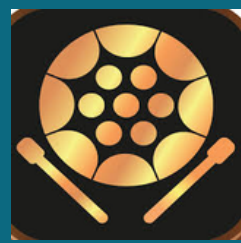
The Key Features of the Bill are as follows:



Clause 2 defines “Steelpan” as a definite pitch percussion musical instrument in the idiophone class with notes on a concave playing surface, with or without a skirt, divided into convex sections by channels which may contain grooves or bores, or both, with each convex section being a note which is tuned to a definite pitch.



Clause 3 declares the Steelpan as the national, musical instrument of Trinidad and Tobago.



Clause 4 mandates the Minister to report to Parliament, *inter alia*, on the promotion, development and impact of the Steelpain nationally and globally, every 2 years.

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