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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly  
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*F. A. Narain,*  
Clerk of the National Assembly.



**GUYANA**

BILL No. 16 of 1976

DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976

Arrangement of Sections

**SECTION**

1. Short title and commencement.
2. Amendment of Section 5 of the Principal Act.
3. Amendment of Section 74 of the Principal Act.
4. Amendment of Section 77 of the Principal Act.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Drainage and Irrigation Act.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title  
and com-  
mencement  
Cap. 64:03

1. This Act, which amends the Drainage and Irrigation Act, may be cited as the Drainage and Irrigation (Amendment) Act 1976, and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st January 1972.

Amendment  
of section  
5 of the  
Principal  
Act.

2. Section 5 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the words “at such remuneration and on such terms and conditions (including the payment of pensions, gratuities or other like benefits by reference to the service of the secretary or servants) as the Board may think fit” for the words “as the Board may deem necessary”.

Amendment  
of section  
74 of the  
Principal  
Act.

3. Section 74 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the deletion of the word “and” appearing at the end of paragraph (a) of subsection (1);
- (b) by the relettering of paragraph (b) as paragraph (c) in subsection (1);
- (c) by the insertion in subsection (1) of the following as paragraph (b) —
  - “(b) at the beginning of each financial year, such sum of money as the Minister may approve for the purpose of providing the Board with funds to meet the payments of any pensions, gratuities or other like benefits to be made by the Board under Section 5; and”;
- (d) by the substitution in subsection (3) of the words “in which the advance was made except where the Minister has approved otherwise” for the words “next following that in which the advance was made”; and

(e) by the insertion of the following as subsection (4) —

“(4) Any sum of money advanced on loan under subsection (1) (c) shall be repaid to the Accountant General by the Board during the year next following that in which the advance was made”.

4. Section 77 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment  
of section  
77  
of the  
Principal  
Act.

(a) by the deletion of the word “and” appearing in paragraph (1);

(b) by the renumbering of paragraph (j) and paragraph (k); and

(c) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (i) of the following as paragraph (j) —

(j) prescribing the category of servants employed by the Board to be paid pensions, gratuities or other like benefits and the terms and conditions under which such payments are to be made; and”.

#### EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Drainage and Irrigation Act to empower the Board to make payments of pensions, gratuities and other like benefits to employees appointed by the Board and to allow the Accountant General to advance on loan to the Board sums of money as may be approved by the Minister for the said purpose.

*Gavin Kennard,*  
Minister of Agriculture.

(Bill No. 16/1976)