

Bill No. 8 of 1968

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OLD AGE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1968.

Arrangement of Sections.

Section.

1. Short title and commencement.
2. Amendment of section 2 of Chapter 63.
3. Amendment of section 8 of Chapter 63.
4. Amendment of section 10 of Chapter 63.
5. General amendment of Chapter 63.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Old Age Pensions Ordinance.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

A.D. 1968.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Old Age Pensions (Amendment) Act, 1968, and shall be construed and read as one with the Old Age Pensions Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and all amendments thereto.

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(2) Subsection (1) of section 3 of this Act shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st January, 1968.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after the definition of "district", of the following definition —

Amendment of section 2 of Chapter 63.

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the Social Assistance Department has for the time being been assigned;.

Amendment
of section 8
of Chapter 63.

3. (1) Subsections (1) and (2) of section 8 of the Principal Ordinance are hereby repealed and the following subsections substituted therefor —

“(1) The amount of pension payable to any person under and in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be —

- (a) in the case of a person ordinarily resident in the Georgetown area, twelve dollars per month;
- (b) in the case of a person ordinarily resident elsewhere in Guyana than in the Georgetown area, ten dollars per month.

(2) The National Assembly may, from time to time, by resolution (which shall be published in the Gazette), vary the amounts and any residential qualification prescribed by sub-section (1) of this section with effect from the date of the resolution or such earlier or later date as is specified in that behalf in the resolution.”

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of section 10 of the Principal Ordinance, no payment of any sum on account of the increase in the amount of pension which became payable by virtue of this Act shall be made if such payment is not obtained within three months after the enactment of this Act.

4. The following subsection is hereby substituted for subsection (3) of section 10 of the Principal Ordinance —

“(3) A direction may be given under subsection (2) of this section notwithstanding that the period of three months prescribed in subsection (1) of this section has expired before the direction is given.”

Amendment
of section 10
of Chapter 63.

General
amendment of
Chapter 63.

5. (1) Wherever in the Principal Ordinance or in any law made thereunder the expression “Governor” or “Governor in Council” appears, there shall be substituted therefor the word “Minister”.

(2) Anything lawfully done under the Principal Ordinance prior to its amendment by subsection (1) of this section, and which would continue to have effect but for such amendment, shall continue to have effect as if so done in conformity with such amendment.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to increase the amount of the old age pension payable under the Old Age Pensions Ordinance (Chapter 63) to implement the proposal contained in the Budget for 1968. The increase will take effect from 1st January, 1968. A person ordinarily resident in the Georgetown area will be entitled to a pension of \$12 per month and a person ordinarily resident elsewhere will be entitled to a pension of \$10 per month. The Bill also seeks to authorise the National Assembly to vary by resolution with retrospective effect, if necessary, the rates of old age pensions and the residential qualifications governing the payment of such pensions.

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