

# Bill No. 6 of 1965

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The following Bill which will be introduced in the House of Assembly is published for general information.

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Clerk of the Legislature.

Bill No. 6 of 1965.

## REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS (AMENDMENT)

BILL, 1965

Arrangements of Sections.

### Section

1. Short title and commencement.
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4. Amendment of section 35 of Chapter 162.
5. Amendment of section 49 of Chapter 162.
6. Amendment of section 50 of Chapter 162.
7. Amendment of section 51 of Chapter 162.
8. Insertion of sections 51A and 51B in Chapter 162.
9. Repeal of section 5 of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955.

### A BILL

### Intituled

**An Ordinance** to amend the Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance to provide for the exclusion from certified extracts from registers of births and deaths of references to nationality or racial origin and for the reduction in the fees chargeable for searches in registers and for certified extracts.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1965

1.(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1965, and shall be construed and read as one with the Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance, and any Ordinance amending the same.

Short title and commencement.  
Cap. 162.

(2) The proviso to subsection (3) of section 49 of the Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance, and paragraph (e) of section 7 of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 5th November, 1962.

2. Section 6 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

Amendment of section 6 of Chapter 162.

(a) by the substitution of the words "extracts from" for the words "copies of" wherever they appear therein; and

(b) by the substitution of the word "extract" for the word "copy" in the fifth line of subsection (2) thereof.

3. Subsection (1) of section 34 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the word "twenty-five" for the word "fifty" appearing in the seventeenth and nineteenth lines thereof.

Amendment of section 34 of Chapter 162.



Amendment of  
section 35 of  
Chapter 162.

4. Subsection (1) of section 35 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the word "twenty-five" for the word "fifty" in the fourteenth line thereof.

Amendment of  
section 49 of  
Chapter 162.

5. Section 49 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the substitution of the words "extract from" for the words "copy of" in the fourth and fifth lines of subsection (2);
- (b) by the repeal of subsection (3) and the substitution therefor of the following subsection —

"(3) For every general search of the indices there shall be paid the sum of five dollars, and for every particular search the sum of twenty-five cents, and for every certified extract the sum of sixty cents:

Provided that no sum shall be payable for a search where a person supplies the correct name, date and place of birth thereby enabling any entry or entries in any register aforesaid to be traced from the information supplied."

Amendment of  
section 50 of  
Chapter 162.

6. Section 50 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the substitution of the word "extracts" for the word "copies" in the ninth and tenth lines thereof.

Amendment of  
section 51 of  
Chapter 162.

7. Section 51 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects —

- (a) by the substitution of the words "an extract" for the words "a copy" in the third and fourth lines thereof;
- (b) by the substitution of the word "from" for the word "of" in the fourth line thereof;
- (c) by the substitution of the word "extract" for the word "copy" in the last line thereof;
- (d) by the substitution of the word "twenty-five" for the word "fifty" in the sixth line thereof;
- (e) by the substitution of a colon for the full stop at the end of the section and the addition thereto of the following proviso —

"Provided that no sum shall be payable for a search where a person supplies the correct name, date and place of birth thereby enabling any entry or entries in any register book to be traced from the information supplied."

Insertion of  
sections 51A  
and 51B in  
Chapter 162.

8. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion of the following sections immediately after section 51 —

"Contents of  
certified  
extracts.

51A. Where a certified extract from an entry in a register is issued under the provisions of this Ordinance the extract shall not include any reference to the nationality or racial origin of any person referred to therein.

Fee for  
priority  
search.

51B. The fee payable in respect of each priority search shall be double the corresponding fee payable in respect of any other kind of search:

Provided that the fee payable in respect of a particular priority search shall be twenty-five cents."

Repeal of  
section 5 of  
the Registra-  
tion of Births  
and Deaths  
(Amendment)  
Ordinance,  
1955, No. 57  
of 1955.

9. Section 5 of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Ordinance, 1955, is hereby repealed.



**OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill seeks to provide for a reduction in the fees payable under the Registration of Births and Deaths Ordinance, Chapter 162, for searches in registers and for the issue of certificates of births and deaths. Provision is also made in clauses 5 and 7 of the Bill by way of amendment to sections 49 and 51 of the Ordinance for searches in registers to be made without charge where the correct name, date and place of birth are supplied to the Registrar General or any other registrar thus enabling any entry or entries in the register to be traced easily.

2. Clause 8 of the Bill seeks to introduce new provisions in the Ordinance to enable birth certificates to be issued in future without there being references therein to the nationality or racial origin of persons referred to in such certificates.

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