

Bill No. 7 of 1963 (L.A.)

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Bill No. 7 of 1963 (L.A.)

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS AND WORKMEN'S INJURIES
(COMPENSATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1963.

Arrangement of Sections

Section

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 4 of Chapter 112.
3. Application of Ordinance.

A BILL

Intituled

An Ordinance to amend the Accidental Deaths and Workmen's Injuries
(Compensation) Ordinance.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

A.D. 1963.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Accidental Deaths and Workmen's Injuries (Compensation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1963, and shall be construed and read with the Accidental Deaths and Workmen's Injuries (Compensation) Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance and any Ordinance amending the same.

2. Paragraph (b) of the proviso to section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the deletion of the words "twelve calendar months" appearing therein and the substitution therefor of the words "three years".

3. The provisions of this Ordinance shall extend to the case of any person whose death has been caused in the circumstances specified in subsection (1) of section 3 of the Principal Ordinance within three years prior to the commencement of this Ordinance:

Provided that the provisions of this Ordinance shall not extend to actions determined prior to the commencement of this Ordinance.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Under existing law proceedings may be instituted for the benefit of a deceased person's estate within a period of three years after injury which is caused by the commission of a tort and which results in death. The Accidental Deaths and Workmen's Injuries (Compensation) Ordinance, Chapter 112, allows certain persons including illegitimate relations to bring proceedings for the compensation within twelve months where the death of a person is caused by some wrongful act, neglect or default.

2. It is considered desirable that the period of twelve months for the institution of proceedings for compensation should be extended to three years being the period already allowed in respect of proceedings brought in tort for the benefit of the estate of a deceased person and this Bill seeks to achieve this object.

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