

BILL No. 17 of 1956.

A BILL

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AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENSIONS OF OFFICERS WHOSE SERVICE IN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN COMBINED WITH SERVICE IN CERTAIN HEALTH SERVICES OR THE NEW AMSTERDAM FIRE BRIGADE.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Pensions (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 1956, and shall be construed with the Pensions Ordinance, 1933, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance and any Ordinance amending the same.

Short title.
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2. Anything contained in any Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding the provisions of the Principal Ordinance and any Ordinance amending the same shall apply to all officers whose public service has been combined with service in the Society for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis or the Infant Welfare and Maternity League in the same manner as if such service in the Society or League aforesaid were service of the Colony.

Pensions of officers with mixed service in Government and certain Health Services.

3. Anything contained in any Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding the provisions of the Principal Ordinance and any Ordinance amending the same shall apply to all officers whose public service has been combined with service in the New Amsterdam Fire Brigade in the same manner as if such service in the said Brigade were service of the Colony.

Pensions of officers with mixed service in Government and the New Amsterdam Fire Brigade.

4. Section 25 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed without prejudice to anything done thereunder between the 7th October, 1950, and the date of the publication of this Ordinance in the Gazette.

Repeal of section 25 of the Principal Ordinance.

5. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this section this Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 7th October, 1950.

Commencement.

(2) Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 1st January, 1953.

OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Section 25 of the Pensions Ordinance, 1933 (Chapter 73), makes provision for the pensions of officers with mixed service in the Government, the Society for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis and the Infant Welfare and Maternity League. Since neither the Society nor the League is empowered to pay pensions to its officers the provisions of the Ordinance have proved unworkable in relation to such officers and the object of this Bill is to enable Government to pay pensions to such officers in respect of such service where that service is combined with service in Government. The Bill also seeks to enable Government to pay pensions to officers in respect of service in the New Amsterdam Fire Brigade prior to the 1st January, 1953 — the date when Government assumed responsibility for the Brigade.

2. Clauses 2 and 3 seek to provide that the provisions of the Pensions Ordinance, 1933, shall apply to officers whose public service has been combined with service in the Society for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis, the Infant Welfare and Maternity League or the New Amsterdam Fire Brigade in the same manner as if such service in the Society or the League or the Brigade were service under the Government of the Colony.

3. Clause 4 seeks to repeal section 25 of the Pensions Ordinance, 1933.

4. Clause 5 seeks to provide that the Ordinance shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 7th October, 1950—the date of the commencement of section 25 aforesaid, subject however to clause 3 of the Ordinance coming into operation on the 1st January, 1953.

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