

## BILL No. 31 OF 1956.

PENSION (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 1956.  
ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

## Section.

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## A BILL

## Intituled

## AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SPECIAL PROVISIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPUTATION OF THE PENSIONS OF CERTAIN PERSONS.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Pensions (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 1956. Short title.
2. In this Ordinance —  
“the specified period” means the period commencing on the 1st January, 1949, and ending on the 31st December, 1953. Interpretation.
3. (1) Anything in the provisions of any Ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding, where any person to whom this Ordinance applies retires from service in accordance with the provisions of any Ordinance relating to pensions, the allowance received by such person during the specified period and known as a cost of living allowance shall be deemed a pensionable emolument. Temporary allowances to be deemed pensionable emoluments in certain cases.  
(2) The pension of any person to whom this Ordinance applies shall be computed as if such person had received throughout the specified period as a cost of living allowance —
  - (a) where such person retires on the last day of any month, a monthly payment equal to the largest amount received by such person as a cost of living allowance in any month prior to the abolition of such allowance, including any month subsequent to the specified period in which such an allowance was actually paid prior to the abolition thereof; and
  - (b) where such person retires from service before the last day of any month, the monthly payment to which such person would have been entitled under paragraph (a) of this sub-section if he had retired from service on the last day of such month.
4. This Ordinance shall apply to any person who receives or is entitled to receive a pension from the general revenues of the Colony under the provisions of any Ordinance relating to pensions, and who retires from service after the 31st December, 1953. Application of Ordinance.

## OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to enable the pension of any person who comes within clause 4 to be computed as if —

- (a) the cost of living allowance paid to such person for the specified period defined in clause 2 were pensionable; and
- (b) such person had received as a cost of living allowance throughout the specified period an allowance calculated in the manner set out in clause 3.

2. This is considered necessary as otherwise (a) an officer whose pension computation is based on average substantive salary would be placed at a disadvantage vis-a-vis an officer who retired prior to 1st January, 1954, and is therefore eligible for a cost of living allowance to pensioners at the revised rates which came in force on that date, and (b) cases might arise in which an officer who has been promoted and therefore has to have his pensionable emoluments averaged for the purpose of pension computation would get no pension benefit from his promotion.

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