

BILL No. 16 of 2009

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

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**LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (BENEFITS AND OTHER FACILITIES)
BILL 2009**

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Benefits and certain other facilities to the Leader of the Opposition.
3. Regulations.

A BILL
Intituled

AN ACT to provide for benefits and other facilities to the Leader of the Opposition.

A.D. 2009 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Leader of the Opposition (Benefits and Other Facilities) Act 2009.

Benefits and certain other facilities to the Leader of the Opposition.

2. The Leader of the Opposition shall be entitled at Government expense to the following -

- (a) a rent free furnished office accommodation;
- (b) medical attention including medical treatment or reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by him for himself and the dependant members of his family;
- (c) full-time security service at his official place of residence;
- (d) the services of a secretary or an executive secretary, a chauffeur, a gardener and a domestic servant;
- (e) vacation allowance as is applicable to a Minister.

Regulations. 3. (1) The Minister responsible for finance may make regulations for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the regulations may prescribe the sums to which the Leader of the Opposition is entitled to receive under section 2 (a), (c), (d) and (e) and the date from which any sum is to be paid.

(3) Every regulation made under this Act shall be laid as soon as possible after it is made before the National Assembly.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to put into law access to certain benefits and other facilities to be enjoyed by the Leader of the Opposition.

Having regard to the services being rendered by the Leader of the Opposition and the dignity attached to the office of the Leader of the Opposition, it is considered necessary to provide by statute access to certain amenities and benefits to which he is entitled.

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the proposed legislation.

Clause 2 seeks to specify the various facilities and amenities which the Leader of the Opposition, at Government expense, is entitled to. These benefits include a rent free furnished office accommodation, medical attention including medical treatment or reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by him for himself and the dependant members of his family, full-time security service at his official place of residence, the services of a secretary or an executive secretary, a chauffeur, a gardener and a domestic servant and vacation allowance as is applicable to a Minister.

Clause 3 seeks to empower the Minister to make necessary regulations for giving effect to the proposed legislation including the sums which the Leader of the Opposition is entitled to under section 2 (a), (c), (d) and (e) and the date from which any such sum is to be paid.



Minister of Finance.