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GUYANA

Bill No. 31 of 1997

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1997

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act.
- 3. Amendment of section 17 of the Principal Act.
- 4. Amendment of section 19 of the Principal Act.

5. Amendment of section 30 of the Principal Act.
6. Amendment of section 41 of the Principal Act.
7. Amendment of section 43 of the Principal Act.
8. Amendment of section 51 of the Principal Act.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act.

A.D. 1997

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.

1. This Act, which amends the National Ins-

Cap. 36:01

urance and Social Security Act, may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) Act 1997.

Amendment of Section 2 of the Principal Act.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the deletion of the definitions of "contribution card" and "insurance stamp".

Amendment of section 17 of the Principal Act.

3. Section 17 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects -

(a) by the deletion of subsection (2);

(b) in subsection (3), by the substitution for the words "insurance stamps" of the words "cash or cheque" wherever they occur.

Amendment of section 19 of the Principal Act.

4. Section 19 (1) (a) of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects -

(a) in subparagraph (v), by the substitution for the words "periodical payments" of the words "a payment or periodical payments";

(b) in subparagraph (vii), by the substitution for the full stop at the end of a semicolon and by the insertion immediately thereafter of the following subparagraph -

"(viii) constant attendance benefit, that is to say, a payment or periodical payments to an invalid or disabled person who is in receipt of a pension under this Act."

5. Section 30 (5) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "five hundred" of the words "five thousand".

Amendment of section 30 of the Principal Act.

6. Section 41 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects-

Amendment of section 41 of the Principal Act.

(a) in subsection (1), by the substitution for the words "one hundred dollars" of the words "three thousand dollars";

(b) in subsection (2), by the substitution for the words "one hundred dollars in the case of a first offence and of five hundred dollars" of the words "three thousand dollars in the case of a first offence and of five thousand dollars";

(c) in subsection (3), by the substitution for the words "two hundred dollars" of the words "five thousand dollars".

Amendment
of section
43 of the
Principal
Act.

7. Section 43 of the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects -

- (a) by the deletion of subsection (2);
- (b) in subsections (3) and (4), by the deletion of the words "or (2)";
- (c) in subsection (5), by the deletion of the words "or subsection (2)".

Amendment of
section 51 of
the Principal
Act.

8. Section 51 (3) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "one hundred dollars" of the words "three thousand dollars" wherever they occur.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This bill seeks to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act, Cap. 36:01, to remove references to a card and stamp system and to make provision for the payment of an additional benefit to an invalid or disabled person who receives a pension under this Act. It also seeks to increase the penalties to more realistic levels bearing in mind the decline in value of the Guyana dollar.

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Minister of Finance.