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GUYANA.

BILL NO. 23 OF 1970.

ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1970.

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of the Principal Ordinance.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Electricity Ordinance, 1957.

A.D. 1970. Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title.
No. 34 of
1957.

1. This Act may be cited as the Electricity (Amendment) Act, 1970, and amends the Electricity Ordinance, 1957, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Ordinance.

Amendment
of the
Principal
Ordinance.

2. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended in the following respects—

(a) by the substitution of the following proviso for the proviso to section 9—

“Provided that—

(a) no salary in excess of the rate of six thousand dollars per annum shall be assigned to any post without the prior approval of the Minister;

(b) no appointment shall be made to any post to which a salary in excess of the rate of seven thousand two hundred dollars per annum is assigned without the prior approval of the Minister; and

(c) no provision shall be made for the payment of any pensions, gratuities or other like benefits to the officers or servants of the Corporation or to other persons by reference to their service, without the prior approval of the Minister;”;

(b) by the substitution of the following proviso for the proviso in section 28 —

“Provided that the Electricity Order shall, until amended or revoked by order of the Minister, continue in force”, and

(c) by the deletion of paragraph 3 of Part 3 of the Third Schedule.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Electricity Ordinance, 1957, to make it a prerequisite that certain appointments to the staff of the Guyana Electricity Corporation and the remuneration to be received by the holders of certain offices must receive the prior approval of the Minister to whom responsibility for the Corporation is assigned. This provision in the Bill corresponds to similar provision in the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962, under which other public corporations have been established.

To facilitate amendments to be made to the provisions of the Electricity Order, formerly cited as the Georgetown Electricity Supply Order, a new proviso is substituted for that to section 28 of the Ordinance.

Under the provisions of Part 3 of the Third Schedule to the Electricity Ordinance, 1957, the Guyana Electricity Corporation is exempt from the payment of duties of customs. It is considered that the Corporation should not enjoy this concession which is not granted to other public corporations established under the Public Corporations Ordinance, 1962. Clause 2(b) of the Bill seeks, therefore, to amend the Electricity Ordinance, 1957, for the purpose of removing the exemption.

P. A. REID,
Minister of Finance.

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