

BILL No. 11 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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Clerk of the National Assembly.



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OFFICE OF THE SPOUSE OF THE PRESIDENT BILL 2009

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title and commencement
2. Office of the Spouse of the President.
3. Entitlement to allowances and other benefits for discharging public functions.

A BILL
Intituled

AN ACT to make provisions for the establishment of a public office for the spouse of the President.

A.D. 2009

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title and commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Office of the Spouse of the President Act 2009 and shall come into force on a date the Minister may, by order, appoint.

Office of the Spouse of the President.

2. (1) There shall be a public office called the Office of the Spouse of the President:

Provided that where the office is held by a woman, it shall be called the Office of the First Lady.

(2) The Office of the Spouse of the President shall be held by the spouse of a serving President and its tenure shall be co-terminus with that of the serving President.

Entitlement to allowances and other benefits for discharging public functions.

3. The allowances and other benefits to which the holder of the Office of the Spouse of the President, in discharging public functions, is entitled to may be specified by the Minister, by order, from time to time.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Having regard to the vital public functions which could be entrusted to and graced by the spouse of the President and the recognition and dignity attached to the person, it has been considered necessary to create an office for the spouse of the President by legislation. The Bill seeks to make provisions for that purpose.

Clause 1 of the Bill deals with the short title and commencement of the proposed legislation.

Clause 2 seeks to establish a public office called the Office of the Spouse of the President. However, where this office is held by a woman, it will be called the Office of the First Lady. It also spells out the tenure of the office.

Clause 3 empowers the Minister to specify from time to time the allowances and other benefits which the holder of the Office of the Spouse of the President shall be entitled to receive in discharging the public functions.



Minister of Finance.