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GUYANA

BILL No. 6 of 1974

**RICE FARMERS (SECURITY OF TENURE)
(AMENDMENT) BILL 1974**

Arrangement of Sections

Section

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 29 of the Principal Act.

A BILL

Intituled

A.D. 1974 **An Act to amend the Rice Farmers (Security of Tenure) Act
Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—**

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Short title: 1. This Act, which amends the Rice Farmers (Security of Tenure) Act may be cited as the Rice Farmers (Security of Tenure) (Amendment) Act 1974.

Amendment of Section 29 of the Principal Act. 2. Section 29 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the addition thereto of the following subsections —

“(4) The Minister, where he is satisfied that the prevailing circumstances in Guyana or any part thereof require additional relief to be provided to tenants therein by reason of their being affected adversely by circumstances beyond their control, may by order, declare Guyana or that part thereof to be an agricultural emergency area.

(5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any law, during the continuance in force of any Order made under subsection (4) no application by a landlord under subsection (1) or under subsection 38(1) may be made to, or be entertained by, a committee in respect of any holding situate within the area to which the Order applies, where such application is for possession of the holding by reason of the non-payment of rent or for the issue of a certificate that the tenant is not observing the rules of good husbandry, as the case may be.”

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Rice Farmers (Security of Tenure) Act, Chapter 69:02 provides for the recovery by a landlord of the possession of a holding on the ground of the tenant's non-payment of rent or his failure to observe the rules of good husbandry.

Both grounds may be occasioned because of the economic circumstances of the tenant and these are dependent upon his crops returns.

Within recent times tenants, due to adverse weather, have experienced severe losses through failure of their crops and it is considered just that a measure of relief be extended to them.

Accordingly this Bill seeks to withdraw the right to possession of a holding by a landlord on either of the two aforementioned grounds.

(Bill No. 6/1974)

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& Agriculture.