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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.

**GUYANA**

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GEMMEL BACCHUS (WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION) BILL 1974

Arrangement of Sections**Section**

1. Short title.
2. Payment of pension to the dependants of Gemmel Bacchus under the Widows and Orphans Pension Act.

A BILL

Intituled

An Act to provide for the payment of a pension to the dependants of Gemmel Bacchus under the Widows and Orphans Pension Act.

Short
title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Gemmel Bacchus (Widows and Orphans Pension) Act 1974.

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Cap 27:08

2. Anything in the Widows and Orphans Pension Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the pension which would have been payable thereunder to the dependants of Gemmel Bacchus (deceased) if he had passed a medical examination so as to have entitled him to become a contributor to the New Widows and Orphans' Fund as a fair average life with the full benefits of the Fund in respect of his contributions thereto, shall be payable under the said Act and shall be deemed to have been so payable to the same extent and in the same manner as if the said Gemmel Bacchus had passed the required medical examination and had become registered as a contributor to the said Fund.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No pension is payable under the Widows and Orphans Pension Act (Chapter 27:08) to the dependants of an officer in the public service who died without having passed a medical examination for the purposes of the Act.

2. Mr. Gemmel Bacchus had, prior to his death on 24th October, 1971, been employed as a public officer in the Ministry of Health. He had paid his contributions to the Widows and Orphans Pension Fund from 1st May, 1962 up to the time of his death. Up to the time of his death Mr. Bacchus was not medically examined even though he had paid his contributions to the Fund.

3. The Board of Directors of the Fund consider that because of the length of the period during which Mr. Bacchus paid contributions to the Fund and the fact that due to no fault of his own he was not medically examined for the purpose of qualifying for registration as a contributor to the Fund, it would be just and equitable that his dependants (a widow and eight minor children) should not be deprived of the benefits which would have accrued to them under the Act if he had undergone and passed the medical examination. This Bill therefore seeks to enable the dependants of Mr. Bacchus to become entitled to the benefits conferred by the Act in respect of his contributions to the Fund.

F. E. HOPE,
Minister of Finance.

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