

Bill No. 25 of 1958.

NURSES' RETIRING ALLOWANCES (PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS) BILL, 1958.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

Section

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Preservation of nurses' rights to retiring allowances.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO PRESERVE THE RIGHTS OF CERTAIN NURSES TO RETIRING ALLOWANCES IN RESPECT OF SERVICE IN BRITISH GUIANA PRIOR TO 1ST JANUARY, 1954.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Nurses' Retiring Allowances (Preservation of Rights) Ordinance, 1958. Short title.

2. Notwithstanding the repeal by section 10 of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Ordinance, 1953, of Part VII of the Colonial Medical Service (Consolidation) Ordinance, published as Chapter 186 in the revised edition of the laws of British Guiana prepared by Sir Charles Major under the Statute Law Revision Ordinance, 1926, section 63 of the said Colonial Medical Service (Consolidation) Ordinance shall be deemed to continue in force and to have effect as if it had been excluded from the operation of section 10 of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Ordinance, 1953, in respect of any nurse who but for the repeal of section 63 of the Colonial Medical Service (Consolidation) Ordinance aforesaid would have qualified for the grant of a retiring allowance by virtue of service *in a non-pensionable post* in British Guiana prior to the 1st January, 1954: Preservation of nurses' rights to retiring allowances. No. 18 of 1953.

Provided that the retiring allowance granted to any such nurse shall be calculated at the rate of twenty shillings per annum for each month of her service under the Government of British Guiana and not at the rate of eight shillings and fourpence per annum for each such month of her service as was provided for in subsection (2) of section 63 of the Colonial Medical Service (Consolidation) Ordinance aforesaid.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Section 10 of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Ordinance, 1953, repealed Part VII, including section 63, of the Colonial Medical Service (Consolidation) Ordinance, Chapter 186, of the 1930 Major edition of the laws of British Guiana. Section 63 of this Ordinance conferred certain rights to retiring allowances on nurses appointed in the public service or in a public hospital through the Overseas Nursing Association and who on retirement are not entitled to pensions under the pension laws of British Guiana. It has been discovered that as a result of the repeal of section 63, a number of nurses have been deprived of their rights to retiring allowances earned prior to the coming into operation of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Ordinance, 1953, on the 1st January, 1954. Accordingly, this Bill seeks to preserve the rights of any such nurse who, but for the repeal, would have qualified for a retiring allowance. The opportunity has also been taken to increase the rate of the retiring allowance for each month of service from eight shillings and four pence to twenty shillings in order to bring the allowance into line with current values.

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