

Bill No. 29 of 1958.

FRANK GUMMER (WIDOW'S PENSION) BILL, 1958.

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF A PENSION TO THE WIDOW OF FRANK GUMMER.

Enacted by the Legislature of British Guiana:—

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Frank Gummer (Widow's Pension) Ordinance, 1958.

Payment of pension to widow of Frank Gummer.

Cap. 75.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Widows and Orphans Pension Ordinance a pension shall be payable under the said Ordinance, and shall be deemed always to have been payable as aforesaid, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the annual contributions to the New Widows and Orphans' Fund made by Frank Gummer, deceased, immediately prior to 1st January, 1950, were continued to be made by the said Frank Gummer after the said date until the 31st December, 1954.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

Mr. Frank Gummer, deceased, retired from the Public Service with effect from 31st December, 1949, at the age of 55 years being at the date of his retirement a contributor to the New Widows and Orphans' Fund. At that time the Widows and Orphans Pension Ordinance required that annual contributions to the Fund should be made until the contributor died or attained 60 years of age and directed that such contributions should be deducted from the salary or pension of a contributor by the Accountant General. In the normal way Mr. Gummer would have contributed to the Fund until 31st December, 1954. It has, however, been discovered that no such deductions were made from Mr. Gummer's pension after his retirement. In the circumstances, Mr. Gummer had ceased to be a contributor to the Fund prior to the date of his death, on 23rd February, 1958, otherwise than in accordance with the Ordinance, and his widow is not entitled to a pension under the Ordinance. Since it appears that Mr. Gummer might reasonably have believed that his normal contributions to the Fund were being made by way of deduction from his total pension it is considered that his widow should not be deprived of the pension which she would otherwise have received. Accordingly, this Bill seeks to enable such a pension to be paid to her despite the non-payment of the contributions as stated.

F. W. ESSEX,
Financial Secretary.

(M.P. G.101).
(Leg. Bill 29/58).