

BILL No. 12 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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FORMER PRESIDENTS (BENEFITS AND OTHER FACILITIES) BILL 2009

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Benefits and certain other facilities to former Presidents.
3. Regulations.

**A BILL
Intituled**

AN ACT to provide for benefits and other facilities to former Presidents.

A.D. 2009

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Former Presidents (Benefits and Other Facilities) Act 2009.

Benefits and
certain other
facilities to
former
Presidents.

2. Every person who having held the office of President and ceased to hold that office by virtue of the provisions of article 92 of the Constitution or otherwise shall, during the remainder of his lifetime, be entitled to the following-

- (a) payment in respect of the expenses incurred in the provision and use of water, electricity and telephone services at the place of residence in Guyana;
- (b) services of personal and household staff including an attendant and a gardener;
- (c) services of clerical and technical staff, if requested;
- (d) free medical attendance and medical treatment or reimbursement of medical expenses incurred by him for the medical attendance or treatment of himself and the dependant members of his family;
- (e) full-time personal security and services of the Presidential Guard Service at the place of residence;
- (f) the provision of motor vehicles owned and maintained by the State;
- (g) toll free road transportation in Guyana;
- (h) an annual vacation allowance equivalent to the cost of two first class return airfares provided on the same basis as that granted to serving members of the Judiciary;
- (i) a tax exemption status identical to that enjoyed by a serving President.

Regulations.

3. The Minister may, subject to negative resolution of the National Assembly, make regulations for giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM


The Bill seeks to put into law certain benefits and other facilities to be enjoyed by every former President.

Having regard to the services rendered by former Presidents and the dignity attached to the office of the President, it is considered necessary to extend certain amenities and benefits to them during the remainder of their lifetime.

Clause 1 provides for the short title and commencement of the proposed legislation.

Clause 2 seeks to specify the various facilities and amenities which former Presidents are entitled to. These benefits include payment of utilities at the place of residence, services of personal, technical and household staff, payment of health-care related expenses, for self and dependant members of family, full time personal security and Presidential Guard Service arrangements at the residence and taxable status identical to that of a serving President.

Clause 3 seeks to empower the Minister to make necessary regulations for giving effect to the proposed legislation.



Minister of Finance.