

BILL No. 11 of 1977

NATIONAL INSURANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

(AMENDMENT) BILL 1977

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION:

- 1. Short title and commencement.
- 2. Amendment of the Principal Act.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the National Insurance and Social Security Act.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title and commencement, Cap. 36:01 1. This Act, which amends the National Insurance and Social Security Act, may be cited as the National Insurance and Social Security (Amendment) Act 1977, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may by order approve.

Amendment of the Principal Act, 2. Every reference in the Principal Act and in the Regulations made thereunder to the age of sixty-five years (being the maximum age to which a person gainfully employed is required to be insured or the minimum age giving rise to the payment of an old age or survivor's benefit, as the case may be, or the age disqualifying the payment of an invalidity or sickness benefit) shall be construed and have effect as a reference to the age of sixty years.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Act requires persons sixteen years or over and under sixty-five years of age, who are gainfully employed to be insured under it. That age is one of the qualifying criteria for the payment of Old Age or Survivor's benefit applying to claimants in the former and to deceased insured persons in the latter case, whereas it is the disqualifying age in respect of the payment of invalidity and sickness benefits.

This Bill seeks to reduce the age limit of sixty-five years to sixty for the purpose of the above-mentioned benefits.

Hamilton Green, Minister of Labour.

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