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## PUBLIC OFFICERS SPOUSES ACT

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**An Act to make provision for the payment to the family of a deceased Public Officer or Pensioner of one month's salary of each Officer or Pensioner.**

[2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER, 1920]

Short title.  
[19 of 1990]

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Public Officers Spouses Act.

Interpretation.  
[19 of 1990]

**2.** (1) In this Act—

“public officer” means any public officer or pensioner;

“salary” means full salary or pension, and includes personal, temporary, or other allowances by way of salary or personal emoluments whether pensionable or not;

“spouse” includes the spouse of a deceased public officer, or his or her children, or other heirs, or any other person the Minister considers having the best moral claim to

any payment under this Act.

Grant to spouse  
of a deceased  
public officer.  
[19 of 1990]

3. Whenever a public officer dies the Minister may order his or her salary for one month from the date of his or her death to be paid to his or her spouse.

Payment of  
salary accrued  
due.  
[18 of 1974  
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4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Act passed before the commencement of this Act, on the death of a public officer to whom any sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars is due from the Government in respect of salary, probate or other proof of the title of the personal representative of the deceased may be dispensed with, and that sum may be paid or distributed to or among the persons appearing to the Minister to be beneficially entitled to the personal estate of the deceased, or to or among any one or more of those persons, or, in the case of the illegitimacy of the deceased officer or his or her children, to or among the person's the Minister thinks fit.

Minister's  
decision final.  
[19 of 1990]

5. The decision of the Minister on any question which arises as to the application of any section of this Act to anyone or as to the amount to be paid to him or her shall be final.

When payee  
absent from  
Guyana.

6. Where it has been decided under this Act to pay a sum to anyone not residing in Guyana, the Accountant General may pay that sum to anyone there resident who represents himself as, and the Accountant General that he is, the agent of the person not so resident even though no strict legal proof of agency is produced.

Payment under  
this Act valid  
against all  
persons.

7. Any payment made pursuant to this Act shall be valid against all persons whomsoever, and all persons acting under its provisions shall be absolutely discharged from all liability in respect of any moneys duly paid or applied by them under this Act.

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

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O. 16/1976

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS ORDER

1. This Order may be cited as the Delegation of Functions Order, 1976.

2. The Accountant General is hereby deputed to exercise on behalf of the Minister of Finance the function conferred on the Minister under section 4 of this Act.

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