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A LAW TO ESTABLISH A SCHEME OF SOCIAL INSURANCE PROVIDING CASH BENEFITS FOR MARRIAGE, MATERNITY, SICKNESS, UNEMPLOYMENT, WIDOWHOOD, ORPHANHOOD, OLD AGE AND DEATH.

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1. This Law may be cited as the Social Insurance Law. Short title.

PART I.

INTERPRETATION.

2. (1) In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

"actuary" means a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries or of the Faculty of Actuaries in Scotland;

"the appointed day" means such day as the Governor may appoint under section 55 of this Law for the purpose of bringing this Law into operation;

"benefit" means benefit which is payable under this Law;

"benefit year" means a period beginning on the first Monday of January of any year and ending on the Sunday before the first Monday of January in the following year;

" Chief Insurance Officer" means the officer appointed by the Governor for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Law into effect;

" child " means a person who is under the age of fourteen years or a person between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years who is receiving full time education or is attending a course of training approved by the Chief Insurance Officer;

" claimant " means a person claiming any benefit under this Law;

" confinement " means labour resulting in the issue of a living child, or labour after twenty-eight weeks of pregnancy resulting in the issue of a child, whether alive or dead, and the expression " confined " shall be construed accordingly;

" contribution week " means a period of seven days beginning at midnight between Sunday and Monday;

" contribution year " means a period of fifty-two or fifty-three contribution weeks, beginning on the first Monday of October in any year and ending on the Sunday before the first Monday of October in the next year;

" dependent child ", in relation to any person, means a child who is a child, younger brother, or younger sister, of his and is wholly or mainly maintained by him;

" employed person " means a person who is employed in any insurable employment;

" exempt person " means a person who, by virtue of the provisions of subsection (1) of section 5 of this Law, is exempt from liability to pay a contribution as an employed person;

" excepted employment " has the meaning assigned to it by section 4 of this Law;

" insurable employment " has the meaning assigned to it by section 4 of this Law;

" insured person " means a person insured under this Law;

" place of employment", in relation to any person, means the factory, workshop or other premises or place at which he is employed;

" trade dispute " means any dispute between employers and employees or between employees and employees which is connected with the employment or non-employment or the terms of employment or the conditions of employment of any persons whether employees in the employment of the employer with whom the dispute arises or not.

(2) For the purposes of this Law—

"child" includes a step-child, an illegitimate child and a child adopted in a manner recognized by law;

"father" includes a step-father;

"mother" includes a step-mother;

"parent" includes a step-parent or a person who has adopted a child in a manner recognized by law;

"umpire" includes a deputy umpire.

(3) For the purposes of this Law—

(*a*) a person shall be deemed to be over or under any age if he has or has not reached that age;

(*b*) a person shall be deemed to be between two ages if he has reached the lower, but has not reached the upper, of those two ages;

(*c*) a person shall be deemed not to have reached the age of eighteen years until the beginning of the eighteenth anniversary of the day of his birth, and similarly with respect to any other age.

PART II.

INSURED PERSONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

3. Subject to the provisions of this Law, every person who on or after the appointed day, is employed in insurable employment shall become insured under this Law and remain so insured throughout his life. **Persons to be insured.**

4. (1) For the purposes of this Law, every employment specified in Part I of the First Schedule to this Law shall be an insurable employment, unless it is an excepted employment, that is to say, an employment specified in Part II of that Schedule. **Insurable employment. First Schedule.**

(2) The Governor in Council may make an Order amending Part II of the First Schedule to this Law.

5. (1) For each contribution week during the whole or any part of which an employed person has been employed, three equal contributions shall be payable in accordance with the provisions of this Law, one by the employed person, one by his employer and one out of the general revenue of the Colony; **Three equal contributions.**