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AN BILLE FORSAI COSANTA (PINSIN) (LEASU), 1968
DEFENCE FORCES (PENSIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1968

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Defence Forces (Pensions) Act, 1932, (No. 26 of 1932), as amended, empowers the Minister for Defence, with the sanction of the Minister for Finance, to prepare and carry out pension schemes relating to the provision of retired pay, pensions and gratuities for or in respect of former members of the Permanent Defence Force (including the Army Nursing Service) and the Chaplaincy Service. Section 4 of the Act provides that no pension scheme shall come into force until it has been laid before each House of the Oireachtas and has been confirmed by resolution of each such House.

The object of this Bill is to simplify the procedure for the bringing into force of pension schemes which relate solely to increases in retired pay, pensions and gratuities, consequent on increases in service pay or general increases in public service pensions. The Bill provides that such schemes shall not, in order to come into force, require to be confirmed by resolution of either House, but shall come into force as provided for in the schemes.

An Roinn Cosanta,
Feabhra, 1968.

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