

# BILL NO. 21 OF 2017

## A BILL

### FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENSIONS ACT 1983

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

*Short title and commencement*

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Pensions (Budget Amendment) Act 2017.
- (2) This Act comes into force on 1 August 2017.
- (3) In this Act, the Pensions Act 1983 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

*Section 10 deleted*

2. The Principal Act is amended by deleting section 10.

*Schedule 5 amended*

3. Schedule 5 to the Principal Act is amended in paragraph 8(1) by deleting “, with a maximum pension of two-thirds of that current pay”.

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## **PENSIONS (BUDGET AMENDMENT) BILL 2017**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Bill and is only intended to indicate its general effect)*

#### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Pensions Act 1983 (**‘Act’**), *inter alia*, provides for the regulation of pensions, gratuities and other allowances in respect of service under the Government in a civil capacity including service in the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.
- 1.2 The Pensions (Budget Amendment) Bill 2017 (**‘Bill’**) seeks to amend the Act.

#### **2.0 CLAUSES**

- 2.1 Clause 1 of the Bill provides for the short title and commencement. If passed by Parliament, the amending legislation will come into force on 1 August 2017.
- 2.2 Clause 2 of the Bill deletes section 10 of the Act to remove the restriction on the maximum pension grantable in respect of officers in the civil service.
- 2.3 Clause 3 of the Bill amends Schedule 5 to the Act in paragraph 8(1) to remove the restriction on the maximum pension grantable in respect of soldiers.

#### **3.0 MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- 3.1 The Act comes under the responsibility of the Minister responsible for finance.

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