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An Act to amend and consolidate the law relating to the advance of 1971-32. loans and the payment of travelling allowance to public officers required to travel for the due performance of their functions.

[29th November, 1971] Commence-

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Public Officers Loan and Short title. Travelling Allowances Act.
  - 2. For the purposes of this Act, the expression—

Interpretation.

- "Minister" means the Minister responsible for Finance;
- "officer" means a public officer who is declared by regulations made under section 4 to be eligible for the grant of loans and the payment of travelling allowances in accordance with this Act;
- "vehicle" means motor car, motor cycle, autocycle or bicycle.
  - 3. (1) The Minister may direct that an officer—

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- (a) who makes application under this Act for a loan for the to be paid purpose of meeting the purchase cost of a vehicle, shall receive out of the Consolidated Fund by way of advance upon loan, subject to the prescribed conditions, such sum of money as the Minister determines, but not exceeding, in the case of an officer serving in Barbados, the prescribed maximum amount;
- shall receive out of the Consolidated Fund in respect of travelling required for the due performance of his functions an allowance at the prescribed rates and subject to the prescribed conditions.
- (2) The Minister may, if he considers it necessary, direct that an officer of such class as the Minister determines shall receive out of the Consolidated Fund by way of advance upon loans

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such sum of money as the Minister considers necessary for the purpose of obtaining a prescribed policy of insurance or indemnity.

- (3) The Accountant-General is authorised and required to pay to an officer any sum directed to be paid to him under subsection (1) or (2).
- (4) A loan under subsection (2) shall, notwithstanding any regulations made under section 4 relating to the repayment of advances upon loan under this Act, be recoverable from the officer in accordance with the directions of the Minister.

#### Regulations.

- 4. (1) The Minister may make regulations—
- (a) declaring any public officer to be eligible for the grant of loans and the payment of travelling allowances in accordance with this Act;
- (b) regulating the making of advances by way of loan to officers under this Act and prescribing the conditions for providing security in respect of and for the repayment of such advances;
- (c) providing for the repayment of any sum of money due by an officer under this Act by abatement of the officer's salary;
- (d) prescribing the rates and conditions of payment of travelling allowances to officers under this Act;
- (e) generally for giving effect to this Act.
- (2) In the exercise of the power conferred on him by paragraph (a) of subsection (1) the Minister shall have regard to—
  - (a) the amount of travelling required, and
  - (b) the necessity for the provision by the officer of adequate means of transport,

for the due performance of the officer's functions.

- (3) Any regulations made under subsection (1) shall be subject to negative resolution of the Assembly.
- (4) Any regulations in force under this Act shall be judicially noticed.