

PACIFIC COLLECTION



I assent.

[L.S.]

P. K. GANILAU

Governor-General

7th August 1986

AN ACT

TO AMEND THE FIJI NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND ACT

ENACTED by the Parliament of Fiji—

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Fiji National Provident Fund (Amendment) Act, 1986.

Commencement

2. This Act is to come into operation on the same date as the date notified by the Minister under section 2 of the Pensions (Amendment) Act, 1986 in respect of section 5 of that Act.

New section 26C in the Fiji National Provident Fund Act

3. The Fiji National Provident Fund Act is amended by inserting the following section after section 26B—

"Officers and soldiers of the Royal Fiji Military Forces electing to contribute to the Fund

26C.—(1) Where, pursuant to section 41A of the Pensions Act, 1983, an officer or soldier of the Royal Fiji Military Forces elects to contribute to the Fund that officer or soldier is, from the date of his election (as determined in accordance with paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 41A of the Pensions Act, 1983), deemed to be an employee as defined in paragraph (e) of the definition of

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employee in section 2, and the Government is deemed to be his employer, and this Act thereupon accordingly applies to that officer or soldier and to the Government.

(2) Where, pursuant to subparagraph (i) of paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 41A of the Pensions Act, 1983 an officer or soldier of the Royal Fiji Military Forces elects to contribute to the Fund and selects the option to receive a gratuity computed in accordance with subsection (1) of section 41B of the Pensions Act, 1983, the Commander of the Forces appointed under the Royal Fiji Military Forces Act shall pay to the Board, and the Board shall accept, the amount of that officer's or soldier's gratuity as so computed and, subject to subsection (3), shall place it to the credit of the officer or soldier in the Fund.

(3) The gratuity to be placed to the credit of an officer or soldier in the Fund in accordance with subsection (2) shall be reduced by $\frac{1}{7\text{th}}$ of that part of the gratuity which bears to the whole of the gratuity the same proportion as the period of the officer's or soldier's qualifying service (as defined in subsection (1) of section 31 of the Pensions Act, 1983) from 1 January 1975 to the date of his election to contribute to the Fund bears to the whole of his qualifying service from the date of the start of that service to the date of his election.

(4) This Act applies to an amount placed to the credit of an officer or soldier in the Fund in accordance with subsection (2) as if it were so placed to his credit in accordance with section 26."

Passed by the House of Representatives this first day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and eighty-six.

Passed by the Senate this twenty-eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and eighty-six.