

LAWS OF GUYANA

HOUSING OF LABOUR WORKERS ON SUGAR
ESTATES ACT

CHAPTER 99:04

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This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

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19 of 1951

An Act to make special provisions for the housing of labour workers on sugar estates.

[26TH MAY, 1951]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Housing of Labour Workers on Sugar Estates Act.

Interpretation
[8 of 1977
6 of 1981]

2. In this Act—

“exporter” means any person operating a factory in Guyana and manufacturing sugar for export;

“labour worker” means—

- (a) any person engaged in manual labour in or about any work incidental to the cultivation of sugar cane and the manufacture of sugar;

- (b) any person employed as a headman, foreman, sugar boiler, clerk or laboratory assistant or in any similar capacity in or about any work incidental to the cultivation of sugar cane and the manufacture of sugar;
- (c) any person engaged in the cultivation of sugar cane for sale to an exporter;
- (d) any worker employed in a distillery or any duly registered sicknurse and dispenser employed by an exporter;
- (e) any driver of a motor-vehicle used for the transportation of sugar in bulk for export in bulk by an exporter;
- (f) any person employed as a foreman or clerk or in any similar capacity in or about any work incidental to the exportation of sugar in bulk by an exporter; and
- (g) any person employed by the Demerara Sugar Terminals Limited, not being a person who is -
 - (i) a director or manager, or such other person (by whatever name called) who, in the opinion of the Committee referred to in section 4, exercises managerial functions;
 - (ii) employed in a professional or administrative capacity or a combination of both of those capacities;
- (h) any person belonging to such class of persons engaged in the loading of sugar for export as the Minister may, from time to time, approve for the purpose by direction in writing.

Exemption of
certain leases
from the
provisions of
section 13 of
c. 5:01
[11 of 1974]

3. (1) Any lease of immovable property to which this section applies for a term of twenty-one years or more, or for any term renewable at the will of the lessee indefinitely, or for periods which, together with the first term thereof, amount in all to twenty-one years or more, and any surrender, assignment or transfer thereof, shall have effect as if such lease, surrender, assignment or transfer had been passed and executed before the High Court in the manner specified in section 13 of the Deeds Registry Act.

c. 5:01

(2) This section applies to any lease (including any surrender, transfer or assignment thereof) granted to any labour worker—

(a) in respect of any immovable property owned by the Committee referred to in section 4 or by any company engaged in the manufacture of sugar or in the cultivation of sugar cane;

(b) by the State in respect of any immovable property to which, but for the conveyance to the State of the title thereto by the Committee or by such a company, as is mentioned in paragraph (a), the foregoing provisions of this section would apply.

c. 5:01

(3) The parties to a lease, surrender, assignment or transfer as referred to in subsection (1), shall forthwith cause such lease, surrender, assignment or transfer, as the case may be, to be filed as of record in the Deeds Registry and pay such fees as may be prescribed under the Deeds Registry Act, save however, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any law the failure to file such a lease, surrender, assignment or transfer, made prior to the coming into operation of this section, shall not affect the validity of such lease, surrender, assignment or transfer.

Special
provisions for
securing the

4. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any Act to the contrary, where any loan has been made by the Committee from the Fund to a labour worker for the purpose of enabling

repayment of
certain loans to
labour
workers.
[5 of 1961
11 of 1974]

such worker to erect and own a house on land to which section 3 applies, or to extend, improve or repair his own house on such land, the labour worker shall sign a promissory note and a receipt, and such receipt shall have effect as an assignment to the Committee of the labour worker's right, title and interest in the house and land as security for the repayment to the Committee of the loan.

(2) In this section—

“the Committee” means the Committee appointed under section 8 (2) of the Sugar Industry Special Funds Act; and

“the Fund” means the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund established by section 2 of the Sugar Industry Special Funds Act.