



AN BILLE ARM-PHINSEAN, 1960.  
ARMY PENSIONS BILL, 1960.

**BILLE NA bPINSEAN SEIRBHISE MILEATA (LEASU), 1960.  
MILITARY SERVICE PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.**

**AN BILLE UM NA CONNAUGHT RANGERS (PINSIN), 1960.  
CONNAUGHT RANGERS (PENSIONS) BILL, 1960.**

**BILLE MHIC SHUIBHNE (PINSEAN) (MEADU), 1960.  
MACSWINEY (PENSION) (INCREASE) BILL, 1960.**

**AN BILLE PINSEAN (LEASU), 1960.  
PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM.**

1. These five measures are designed, primarily, to give statutory effect to the increases in pensions and certain allowances which were authorised by the Minister for Finance in his Budget Statement in April, 1959 and which are being paid with effect from 1st August, 1959, on the authority of a supplementary estimate approved in Dáil Éireann on the 22nd July, 1959. The opportunity has been taken to include in the Army Pensions Bill and in the Military Service Pensions (Amendment) Bill certain additional amending provisions.

2. In the case of the Army Pensions Bill, 1960, *section 1* deals with interpretation and *sections 2 to 25* with the Budget increases in pensions and allowances. *Section 26* is designed to remove a doubt regarding the operation of *section 2* of the Army Pensions Act, 1959, which, in relaxing certain provisions of the Second and Third Schedules to the Army Pensions Act, 1923, did not specifically cite one of the enabling sections (*section 2* of the Act of 1946) to which those Schedules are related. *Section 9* of the Army Pensions Act, 1959, omitted one class of applicants from the provision therein to extend the time for applying for the allowance payable under Part II of the Act of 1953 to a relative of a deceased person with pre-Truce service. *Section 27* provides for this class. *Section 28* of the Bill is designed to remove with effect from 1st August, 1959, a restriction imposed in the Act of 1953 on the increase of certain married pensions in cases where aggregate pensions exceeded £450 per annum. *Section 29* of the Bill deals with the short title, etc.

3. *Section 1* of the Military Service Pensions (Amendment) Bill, 1960, provides for the Budget increases in the pensions payable under the Military Service Pensions Acts in respect of active service in the period 1916 to 1923 and *section 2* of the Bill is designed to give power to the Minister for Defence to correct errors made by the Referee in setting out his findings in respect of two applications under the Act of 1934 for the grant of service certificates. *Section 3* deals with the short title, etc.

4. *Section 1* of the Connaught Rangers (Pensions) Bill, 1960, provides for the Budget increases in the service pensions and disability pensions payable under the Connaught Rangers (Pensions) Acts and *section 2* deals with the short title, etc.

5. *Section 1* of the MacSwiney (Pension) (Increase) Bill, 1960, relates to the pension payable to the widow of Terence MacSwiney, *section 2* of the Bill deals with the short title, etc. *Section 1* of the Pensions (Amendment) Bill, 1960, relates to the pensions payable to the widows of Micheál ÓCeallacháin and Seoirse Mac Fhlannchadha. *Section 2* of the Bill deals with the short title, etc.

*An Roinn Cosanta.  
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