

# BILL

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## PARLIAMENTARY WELFARE ACTS 2022

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2022

**Sierra Leone**

**A BILL ENTITLED**

**PARLIAMENTARY WELFARE ACT 2022**

Short title.

Being an Act, pursuant to Section 74 (4) of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone, (Act No. 6 of 1991), to determine the salaries and other conditions of service for Speakership, Leadership, Clerkship, Members of Parliament and other related matters.

[

] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.

## PART I—PRELIMINARY

Interpretation.

1. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

"Clerkship" means the Clerk of Parliament as prescribed in section 82 of the 1991 Constitution (Act No. 6 of 1991).

"Constituency" has the same meaning as prescribed in Section 38 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leone (Act No. 6 of 1991)

"Leadership" means Leader of Government Business, and Deputy, Leader of Opposition and Deputy, Chief Whip of governing party and deputy, Whip of Opposition and Deputy, Leader of Female Parliamentary Caucus and Deputy, Leaders of political parties and Deputies represented in Parliament.

"Member of Parliament" means a person elected to represent a constituency or district and duly certified as such by The Electoral Commission for Sierra Leone.

"Speakership" means the Speaker of Parliament, Deputy Speaker of Parliament elected under section 79 of the 1991 Constitution of Sierra Leones (Act No. 6 of 1991)

PART II - SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR  
THE SPEAKERSHIP, LEADERSHIP, CLERKSHIP AND  
MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.salaries and  
conditions of  
service

2. (1) The salary and other conditions of service of Speaker of Parliament shall be exactly the same as that of the Vice President of the Republic;

(2) The salary and other conditions of service of Deputy Speaker shall be exactly the same as that of the Chief Justice.

(3) The salaries for Members of Parliament shall be exactly the same as that of the Ministers of Government.

Provided that the Leader of Government Business and Leader of Opposition and their Deputies shall be entitled to 15% above the basic salary of other Members of Parliament and The Chief Whip and Whip of the Opposition shall be entitled to 10% and the other Leaders (Deputy Chief Whip, Deputy Whip of Opposition, Leaders of Political Parties and Deputies, Whips of other political parties and Deputies, Leader of Parliamentary Female Caucus and Deputy and Leader Paramount Chief MPs and Deputy) shall be entitled to 5% above the basic salary of other Members of Parliament.

(4) The salary and other conditions of service for the Clerk of Parliament shall be exactly the same as that of the Solicitor General;

### PART III - ALLOWANCES AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

3. (1) A Member of Parliament shall be entitled to the equivalent of \$ 15,000/00 (Fifteen Thousand United States Dollars per annum as Medical Allowance. Medical Allowance.

Provided that, the said amount shall be utilized through medical services to be rendered by an approved medical insurance scheme for the current year;

(2) The said Insurance Scheme shall cover the Member of Parliament, Spouse and Three children below the age of 18 years.

(3) All unutilized amounts shall revert to the state.

(4) Funding of the said Insurance Scheme shall be charged on the Consolidated Revenue Fund and shall take effect immediately upon the passage of this Act.

(5) For severe cases requiring overseas treatment, the recommendation of the Sierra Leone Medical Board shall be required to authenticate same. Thereafter, funding of the said treatment shall be borne by the state as soon as practicable but in any case not later than 30 days from the date of the recommendation by the Medical Board.

(6) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (5) for a sitting Member of Parliament, the approval of the recommendations of the Medical Board shall rest with the Speaker of Parliament and in his absence, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament.

(7) For Former Members of Parliament, approval of the recommendations of the Medical Board shall rest with the President of the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Recess  
Allowance.

4. The Speaker Deputy Speaker and Members of Parliament shall be entitled to Recess Allowance of one month salary gross.

Vehicle  
Allowance.

5. (1) Members of Parliament shall be entitled to \$ 25,000.00 (Twenty Five Thousand United States Dollars) or its equivalent in Leones for the purchase of a motor vehicle to be paid once per term, but in any case not later than first quarter of the first year of each term.

Fuel  
Allowance.

(2) Fuel Allowance shall be 45 liters weekly and payable on a quarterly basis.

Sitting Fees.

6. (1) Members of Parliament shall be paid Sitting Fees in the sum of Le 250,000/00 per sitting payable on a monthly basis. The attendance of a Member of Parliament shall be evidenced by the Attendance Register based on which payment shall be made.



7. Members of Parliament shall be entitled to Facilitation Allowance to be paid quarterly. Facilitation Allowance.
8. Percentage increase in the salaries of Sitting Members of Parliament shall from the commencement of this Act, be reflected in the payment of Pensions for former Members of Parliament. Increment of Salaries.
9. Members of Parliament shall be provided with offices by government within the precincts of parliament to enable them do effective research and prepare for effective parliamentary debates both in the Well and at Committee sittings. Offices for Members of Parliament.
10. A Member of Parliament on Official or Medical Travels abroad shall be entitled to Business Class. Official or Medical Travels of Members of Parliaments.
11. A sitting Member of Parliament shall be entitled to a security personnel provided at the cost of Government upon application by the Member of Parliament concerned. Securities for Members of Parliaments.

### PART III—MISCELLANEOUS

12. The Speaker of Parliament may by Statutory Instrument make regulations as he considers necessary or expedient for giving effect to any of the provisions of this act. Regulations.
13. Statutory Instrument No 10 of 2012 relating to the salary and conditions of service of the Speaker of Parliament is hereby repealed. Repeal of Statutory Instruments No. 10 of 2012.

## MEMORANDUM AND OBJECT OF REASONS

The purpose of this Act is to prescribe the salaries and other conditions of service for Speakership, Leadership, Clerkship and Members of Parliament in line with current economic trends and best practice within the Mano River Union to enhance the effective and diligent service delivery by Members of Parliament for the good of this country. The bill is divided into Four (4) Parts.

Part I makes provision for interpretation and definition of words used throughout the Act.

Part II deals with Salaries and Conditions of Service for Speakership, Leadership, Clerkship and Members of Parliament.

Part III deals with Allowances and other benefits of Leadership and Members of Parliament.

Part IV outlines Miscellaneous Provisions enabling the Speaker to make regulations to give effect to this Act and provides room for amendment as and when necessary.

MADE this 20th day of May, 2022.

HON. DR. ABASS CHERNOR BUNDU

*Speaker of Parliament.*

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SIERRA LEONE.