

**CHAPTER 273****THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT GRATUITIES  
(SPECIAL OPTIONS) ACT**

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**MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT GRATUITIES  
(SPECIAL OPTIONS)**

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1. This Act may be cited as the Members of Parliament Gratuities (Special Options) Act. **Short title.**

2. In this Act—

**Interpretation.**

"the Act of 1967" "the Act of 1979" and "member of Parliament" have the same meanings as are assigned to those expressions in the Members of Parliament Gratuities (Options) Act;

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"the Act of 1981" means the Members of Parliament Gratuities (Options) Act;

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"full parliamentary term" means, as respects Parliament, from the first time that a session of Parliament is held after a general election to the dissolution of such Parliament; and, as respects the Legislative Council of the former Presidency or the former Colony of Antigua, from the first time that a session of such Council was held after a general election to the dissolution of that Council.

**Right of option  
for gratuity.**

**3.** Notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Act of 1979 or the Act of 1981, or the repeal of the Act of 1967, where a person was, immediately before the Act of 1979 came into operation, entitled to a gratuity under the Act of 1967, and—

- (i) is also entitled to a gratuity under the Act of 1979; and
- (ii) has attained the age of sixty years or more; and
- (iii) has served as a member of Parliament from time to time for not less than four full parliamentary terms,

he may by notice in writing to the Governor-General, opt to receive a gratuity either under the Act of 1967 or under the Act of 1979.

**Time of exercise  
of option.**

**4.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, a person who opts to receive a gratuity under this Act may exercise his option at any time whether or not at the time when he exercises such option he has ceased to be a member of Parliament.

**Granting gratuity  
under the Act of  
1967.**

**5.** Where a person opts under this Act to receive a gratuity under the Act of 1967 he shall be granted a gratuity in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1967 as if section 18 of the Act of 1979 (which repealed the Act of 1967) has not come into operation as law.

**6.** Where a person opts under this Act to receive a gratuity under the Act of 1979 he shall be granted a gratuity in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1979. **Granting gratuity under the Act of 1979.**

**7.** Where a person is entitled to exercise an option under this Act, the law for which he opts shall, for the purposes of this Act, be deemed to be more favourable to him than the law for which he does not opt. **Option deemed favourable.**

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