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1978, No. 58

An Act to amend the Social Security Act 1964

[11 October 1978]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Social Security Amendment Act 1978, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security Act 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

2. Interpretation—(1) Section 3 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the definition of the term “benefit”, and substituting the following definition:

“‘Benefit’ means—

“(a) A monetary benefit payable under this Part of this Act, including national superannuation, but not including a benefit on death payable under section 61D of this Act:

“(b) An additional amount payable under section 61A of this Act:

“(c) Additional benefit payable under section 61E or section 61G of this Act:

“(d) A handicapped child’s allowance payable under section 39A of this Act:

“(e) A disability allowance payable under section 69C of this Act:”.

(2) The said section 3 (1) is hereby further amended by adding the following definition:

“‘Spouse’ means the husband or wife of an applicant or beneficiary, as the context may require.”

(3) The following enactments are hereby consequentially repealed:

(a) Section 2 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1973:

(b) Section 2 (1) (a) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976.

3. Investigation of claims and grant of benefits—Section 12 (2) of the principal Act (as amended by section 3 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972) is hereby further amended by omitting the words “maintain any applicant for

a benefit or any dependant of such an applicant”, and substituting the words “maintain any applicant for a benefit or any beneficiary, or any dependant of such an applicant or of a beneficiary”.

4. Right of appeal—Section 12J (2) of the principal Act (as inserted by section 4 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1973) is hereby amended by adding the words “or a handicapped child’s allowance under section 39A of this Act”.

5. Special provisions in respect of married couples where one spouse not entitled to national superannuation—(1) Section 16 (1) of the principal Act (as substituted by section 4 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976) is hereby amended by repealing the proviso, and substituting the following proviso:

“Provided that that rate shall be diminished by 40 cents for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the applicant and the spouse of the applicant in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80 cents for every complete \$1 of such income in excess of \$2,080 a year.”

(2) This section shall come into force on the 12th day of October 1978.

6. Termination of national superannuation on death of recipient—(1) Section 18 (2) of the principal Act (as substituted by section 4 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976) is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “dependent child or children,” where they first occur, the words “and such widow, widower, child or children is or are not entitled to a benefit on death under section 61D of this Act or a lump sum payment under section 124 of the Accident Compensation Act 1972,”.

(2) Section 18 (3) of the principal Act (as so substituted) is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “Commission”, the words “, if application for payment is made within 6 months after the date of death of the superannuitant,”.

(3) Section 18 (4) of the principal Act (as so substituted) is hereby amended—

(a) By adding to paragraph (b) the word “; or”:

(b) By adding the following paragraph:

“(c) Notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law to the contrary, to any creditor of the deceased’s estate in payment, in whole or in part, of such of the deceased’s lawful debts and funeral expenses as the Commission may determine.”

7. Widows’ benefits—(1) Section 21 (3) of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (a) (as substituted by section 12 (2) of the Status of Children Act 1969).

(2) Section 21 (6) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “Notwithstanding anything in subsection (3) of this section, the”, and substituting the word “The”.

(3) The Status of Children Act 1969 is hereby consequentially amended by repealing so much of the Schedule as relates to section 21 (3) (a) of the principal Act.

8. Advance payment of family benefit—Section 36 (1) of the principal Act (as substituted by section 5 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1974) is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (c), and substituting the following paragraph:

“(c) A child who is undergoing secondary education within the meaning of the Education Act 1964 or attending an intermediate school, intermediate department, or composite school within the meaning of that Act, or attending any other school or department which fulfils a similar purpose.”

9. New sections inserted—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after section 39, the following heading and sections:

“Handicapped Child’s Allowance

“**39A. Handicapped child’s allowance**—(1) For the purposes of this section and of sections 39B to 39F of this Act, ‘seriously handicapped child’ means a child in respect of whom a family benefit or orphan’s benefit is payable under this Part of this Act, or in respect of whom a war pension is payable under the War Pensions Act 1954, and who—

“(a) Has a physical or mental disability;

“(b) Because of that disability needs constant care and attention; and

“(c) Is likely to need such care and attention permanently or for a period exceeding 12 months.

“(2) In determining for the purposes of subsection (1) (b) of this section whether a seriously handicapped child needs constant care and attention the Commission shall consider whether the child requires—

“(a) From another person, frequent attention in connection with his bodily functions; or

“(b) Attention and supervision substantially in excess of that normally required by a child of the same age and sex; or

“(c) Regular supervision from another person in order to avoid substantial danger to himself or others.

“(3) Subject to the provisions of this section and of sections 39B to 39E of this Act, the Commission may grant a handicapped child's allowance in respect of a seriously handicapped child being cared for—

“(a) In a private home that is the residence of the person caring for that child; or

“(b) In a home or hostel operated by an approved voluntary organisation if the child's parent or guardian is required to contribute to the cost of maintaining him in that home or hostel and the child is cared for by his parent or guardian during school holidays or weekends.

“39B. **Rate of handicapped child's allowance**—The rate of a handicapped child's allowance granted under section 39A of this Act shall be the rate specified in the Nineteenth Schedule to this Act.

“39c. **Medical examination may be required**—(1) The Commission may determine that an application for a handicapped child's allowance be supported by the certificate of a medical practitioner certifying whether or not, in the opinion of the medical practitioner, the child in respect of whom the application is made is a seriously handicapped child within the meaning of subsections (1) and (2) of section 39A of this Act.

“(2) Before an application for a handicapped child's allowance is granted, the Commission may require the child in respect of whom the application is made to be examined by a medical practitioner nominated by the Commission for the purpose.

“39D. Handicapped child’s allowance not payable with other benefit or pension—A handicapped child’s allowance shall not be payable under this Part of this Act in addition to—

- “(a) Any benefit which is granted to the child under this Part of this Act, apart from a family benefit or an orphan’s benefit or a disability allowance:
- “(b) Any pension or allowance which is granted to the child under the War Pensions Act 1954, apart from a child’s war pension or a war orphan’s pension:
- “(c) Earnings related compensation within the meaning of section 2 of the Accident Compensation Act 1972 which is payable to the child.

“39E. Person to whom handicapped child’s allowance payable—(1) Unless the Commission otherwise determines under subsection (2) of this section, a handicapped child’s allowance granted under section 39A of this Act shall be payable to the mother of the child (whether application for the allowance has been made by the mother or the father) and shall be paid together with the family benefit or orphan’s benefit payable for that child under this Part of this Act or together with the war pension payable for that child under the War Pensions Act 1954, as the case may be.

“(2) The Commission may, in its discretion, determine that a handicapped child’s allowance be paid to the father of the child or to any person having the care and control of the child.

“39F. Right of appeal—(1) If any claim for a handicapped child’s allowance under section 39A of this Act is declined on the grounds that the child is not a seriously handicapped child within the meaning of subsections (1) and (2) of that section, or if any such allowance is cancelled on those grounds, the child’s parent or guardian shall, at any time within 3 months after being notified of the decision, have a right of appeal to a Handicapped Child’s Appeal Board established by the Commission for the purpose.

“(2) On any such appeal the Commission shall be bound by the decision of the Appeal Board.

“(3) A Handicapped Child’s Appeal Board shall consist of the following members:

“(a) A barrister or solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, who shall be the Chairman; and

“(b) Two medical practitioners.

“(4) Any person, including a representative of an approved voluntary organisation providing services or facilities for the disabled, shall be entitled to be heard at any hearing of an appeal under this section and to tender evidence on any matter relating to such an appeal.

“(5) A Handicapped Child’s Appeal Board is hereby declared to be a statutory Board within the meaning of the Fees and Travelling Allowances Act 1951; and there shall be paid, out of money appropriated by Parliament for the purpose, to the members of the Appeal Board, remuneration by way of fees or allowances, and travelling allowances and expenses, in accordance with that Act, and the provisions of that Act shall apply accordingly.

“(6) For the purposes of any appeal under this section, the provisions of the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908 shall, so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, apply as if the Handicapped Child’s Appeal Board were a Commission of Inquiry appointed under that Act.”

(2) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing the Nineteenth Schedule (as substituted by section 20 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1977), and substituting the Nineteenth Schedule set out in the First Schedule to this Act.

(3) This section and the First Schedule to this Act shall come into force on the 18th day of October 1978.

10. Sickness benefit for a married person—(1) Section 54A (3) of the principal Act (as inserted by section 8 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1975) is hereby amended by omitting the expression “(e)”, and substituting the expression “(f)”.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 27th day of July 1977.

11. Rates of sickness benefits—(1) Section 55 (2) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the word “wife”, and substituting the word “spouse”.

(2) This section shall come into force on the 10th day of January 1979.

12. Unemployment benefits—(1) Section 58 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the proviso (as added by section 17 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972), and substituting the following proviso:

“Provided that a person shall not be entitled to receive a benefit under this section if the Commission is satisfied that—

“(a) He is a full-time student:

“(b) He is not employed because of a strike either by himself or by fellow members of his union at the same place of employment.”

(2) The said section 58 is hereby further amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) In this section—

“‘Strike’ has the meaning assigned to it by section 123 of the Industrial Relations Act 1973:

“‘Union’ means an industrial union registered under the Industrial Relations Act 1973; and includes an organised group of employees with common interests in their employment.”

(3) Section 17 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972 is hereby consequentially repealed.

13. Period for which unemployment benefit payable—

(1) Section 60 of the principal Act (as amended by section 11 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976) is hereby amended—

(a) By omitting from subsection (3) (d) the word “; or”:

(b) By repealing subsection (3) (e):

(c) By repealing subsection (6).

(2) Section 11 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976 is hereby consequentially repealed.

14. Additional benefit for dependent children—(1) Section 61A of the principal Act (as substituted by section 19 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972) is hereby amended—

(a) By repealing paragraph (a) (as substituted by section 12 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976):

(b) By omitting the words “increase the benefit”, and substituting the words “increase a widow’s, domestic purposes, invalid’s, sickness, unemployment, or emergency benefit”:

(c) By repealing the proviso (as added by section 12 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976).

(2) The Fourteenth Schedule to the principal Act (as substituted by section 20 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1977) is hereby amended by repealing clause 3.

(3) Section 12 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976 is hereby consequentially repealed.

(4) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 31st day of August 1978.

15. Benefits on death for dependent widows, widowers, and children—(1) Section 61D of the principal Act (as inserted by section 7 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1974) is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:

“(4) Where a lump sum is payable under this section to a child, the Commission shall pay the sum to the Public Trustee to be held in trust and applied by the Public Trustee (as to the capital as well as the income thereof) for the maintenance, education, advancement, or benefit of the child in such manner as the Public Trustee thinks fit while the child is under the age of 20 years or is of feeble or unsound mind. Upon the child attaining the age of 20 years or ceasing to be of feeble or unsound mind (after having attained the age of 20 years) the Public Trustee shall pay the balance of the sum remaining in his hands to the child, or if the child dies while the whole or any part of the sum is held for him the Public Trustee shall pay the balance of the sum to the child’s administrator or to a person to whom it may be paid under section 65 of the Administration Act 1969.

“(5) Any lump sum paid to the Public Trustee under subsection (4) of this section shall be invested by him in the Common Fund of the Public Trust Office.”

(2) Section 65 of the Administration Act 1969 (as amended by section 184 of the Accident Compensation Act 1972) is hereby further amended by inserting, after the words “Accident Compensation Commission” wherever they occur in subsections (2) and (3), the words “, Social Security Commission,”.

16. Additional benefit—(1) Section 61E (aa) of the principal Act (as inserted by section 14 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, if any person in receipt of national superannuation was, immediately before the commencement of this sec-

tion, in receipt of additional benefit under section 61E of the principal Act, the Commission may, in its discretion, pay to such a person a benefit under section 61G of that Act.

(3) Section 14 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976 is hereby consequentially repealed.

(4) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 31st day of August 1978.

17. Conjugal status for benefit purposes—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing section 63 (as substituted by section 21 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972), and substituting the following section:

“63. For the purposes of determining any application for any benefit, or of reviewing any benefit already granted, or of determining the rate of any benefit, the Commission may in its discretion—

“(a) Regard as an unmarried person any married applicant or beneficiary who is living apart from his wife or her husband, as the case may be:

“(b) Regard as husband and wife any man and woman who, not being legally married, have entered into a relationship in the nature of marriage—

and may determine a date on which they shall be regarded as having commenced to live apart or a date on which they shall be regarded as having entered into such a relationship, as the case may be, and may then in its discretion grant a benefit, refuse to grant a benefit, or terminate, reduce, or increase any benefit already granted, from that date accordingly.”

(2) Section 21 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972 is hereby consequentially repealed.

18. Mode of ascertaining income for benefit purposes—

(1) Section 64 (2) of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words “the estimated income for the said period”, and substituting the words “the estimated annual income for the period of 52 weeks specified in subsection (1) of this section”.

(2) Section 64 of the principal Act is hereby further amended by inserting, after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(2A) Where, in relation to the rate of any benefit or additional benefit, reference is made in this Part of this Act or in any Schedule to this Act to the weekly income of the

beneficiary, such income shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be determined by dividing the beneficiary's total income over a number of weeks specified by the Commission (not exceeding 52 weeks) by the number of weeks in that period."

(3) Section 64 (3) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "subsection (2)", the words "or subsection (2A)".

19. Telephone-rental concessions—(1) Section 69A (1) (aa) of the principal Act (as inserted by section 17 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976) is hereby repealed.

(2) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing the Twentieth Schedule (as substituted by section 20 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1977).

(3) Section 17 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976 is hereby consequentially repealed.

(4) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 31st day of August 1978.

20. Television-licence-fee concessions—(1) Section 69B (1) (aa) of the principal Act (as inserted by section 18 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976) is hereby repealed.

(2) Section 18 (2) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976 is hereby consequentially repealed.

(3) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 31st day of August 1978.

21. Limitation where applicant receiving another benefit or war pension—(1) Section 72 of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (a), and substituting the following paragraph:

"(a) Except as provided in sections 39D, 61A, 61E, 61G, and 69C of this Act, no person shall be entitled to receive more than 1 benefit in his own right:

"Provided that any person may receive a sickness benefit or an invalid's benefit as well as a family benefit."

(2) Section 72 (b) of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting in the third proviso, after the words "sickness benefit", the words "or a handicapped child's allowance".

(3) Section 24 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972 is hereby consequentially repealed.

22. Beneficiaries in hospital—Section 75 of the principal Act (as substituted by section 24 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976) is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:

“(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Part of this Act, a benefit shall not be payable as of right in respect of any period during which the beneficiary, or any other person in respect of whom the benefit or any part of it has been granted, is a resident of an institution certified under the Alcoholism and Drug Addiction Act 1966 or of any institution which is fulfilling a similar purpose to an institution certified under that Act.”

23. Payment of benefits—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing section 82, and substituting the following section:

“82. (1) Every benefit shall be payable by instalments of such number of weeks' benefit on such day or date in the month as the Commission from time to time determines.

“(2) The amount of a weekly instalment of a benefit that is payable at an annual rate shall be ascertained by dividing the annual rate by 52.

“(3) Except as otherwise provided in this Part of this Act, every instalment of a benefit shall be paid to or on account of the beneficiary personally:

“Provided that for good cause the Commission may, in its discretion, direct that payment of the whole or any part of an instalment, or any number of instalments, be paid—

“(a) To or on account of some other person authorised by the beneficiary or, in the case of a beneficiary who lacks sufficient capacity in law, to any person appointed by the Commission for the purpose of receiving it; or

“(b) With or without the consent of the beneficiary—

“(i) To any person in payment of the beneficiary's lawful debts or other liabilities:

“(ii) To, or for the benefit of, the wife or husband of the beneficiary or any dependent child or children of the beneficiary.

“(4) Except as otherwise provided in this Part of this Act, every instalment of benefit shall be paid in a manner and at the place determined by the Commission from time to time, and no appeal under this Act shall lie against that determination.

“(5) If any instalment of any benefit, or any part of any instalment, is not collected within such time as the Commission may specify, the authority to collect such instalment, or part, shall lapse and the amount of benefit so unpaid shall be forfeited unless the Commission is satisfied in any particular case that there was good cause for not collecting that instalment or that part of the instalment.”

(2) Section 28 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1976 is hereby consequentially repealed.

24. Benefits to be inalienable—Section 84 (1) of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By inserting, after the term “1964”, the words “and of section 82 of this Act”:

(b) By repealing the proviso.

25. Termination of benefit on death of beneficiary—(1) Section 85 (2) of the principal Act (as substituted by section 27 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972) is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “a widow, a widower, or any dependent child or children,”, the words “and such widow, widower, child or children, is or are not entitled to a benefit on death under section 61D of this Act or a lump-sum payment under section 124 of the Accident Compensation Act 1972,”.

(2) Section 85 (3) of the principal Act is hereby amended—

(a) By adding to paragraph (b) the word “; or”:

(b) By adding the following paragraph:

“(c) Notwithstanding any enactment or rule of law to the contrary, to any creditor of the deceased’s estate in payment, in whole or in part, of such of the deceased’s debts and funeral expenses as the Commission may determine.”

26. Recovery of payments made in excess of authorised amounts—Section 86 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) If a person has obtained payment of, or has received credit for, any money payable under a benefit to which he is not entitled, the sum of that money shall constitute a debt due to the Crown and may be recovered at the suit of any member of the Commission, or the Commission may recover that debt by deduction from any benefit thereafter payable to that person.”

27. Increasing rates of benefits in respect of period 11 January 1978 to 25 July 1978—(1) In respect of the period commencing on the 11th day of January 1978 and ending with the 25th day of July 1978, the principal Act shall have effect as if each provision of that Act specified in the first column of the Second Schedule to this Act had been amended by omitting every expression set out in the second column of that Schedule opposite the reference to that provision, wherever that expression occurs, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column of that Schedule.

(2) This section and the Second Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 11th day of January 1978.

28. Increasing rates of benefits on and after 26 July 1978—(1) In respect of the period commencing on the 26th day of July 1978 and ending with the 17th day of October 1978, the principal Act shall have effect as if each provision of that Act specified in the first column of the Third Schedule to this Act has been amended by omitting every expression set out in the second column of that Schedule opposite the reference to that provision, wherever that expression occurs, and substituting in each case the expression set out opposite to it in the third column of that Schedule.

(2) This section and the Third Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 26th day of July 1978.

29. Increasing rates of additional amounts for dependent children on and after 26 July 1978—(1) In respect of the period commencing on the 26th day of July 1978 and ending with the 17th day of October 1978, the principal Act shall have effect as if the Fourteenth Schedule to it (as substituted by section 20 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1977) had been amended in the following manner:

- (a) By omitting the expression “\$65 a year” wherever it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression “\$104 a year”;
- (b) By omitting the expression “\$1.25 a week” wherever it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression “\$2 a week”.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 26th day of July 1978.

30. Revised income test on and after 18 October 1978—

(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing the Third to Tenth, Twelfth, and Fourteenth to Eighteenth Schedules (as substituted by section 20 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1977), and substituting the Third to Tenth, Twelfth, and Fourteenth to Eighteenth Schedules set out in the Fourth Schedule to this Act.

(2) Sections 19 and 20 of, and the First and Second Schedules to, the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1977 are hereby repealed.

(3) This section and the Fourth Schedule to this Act shall come into force on the 18th day of October 1978.

31. Rates of invalid's and sickness benefits for married women—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing the Sixth and Eighth Schedules (as substituted by section 30 (1) of this Act), and substituting the Sixth and Eighth Schedules set out in the Fifth Schedule to this Act.

(2) This section and the Fifth Schedule to this Act shall come into force on the 10th day of January 1979.

32. Child care costs—(1) The principal Act is hereby further amended by adding to clause 2 of the Third Schedule (as substituted by section 30 (1) of this Act) and also to clause 2 of the Sixteenth Schedule (as so substituted) the following proviso:

“Provided that in computing for the purposes of this clause the income of a solo parent the Commission may, in its discretion, disregard as income some or all of that part of his or her personal earnings (not exceeding \$20 a week) used to meet the cost of placing a dependent child or children of the beneficiary in a day care centre registered under the Child Care Regulations 1960, or in any other day care facility approved by the Commission for the purpose.”

(2) This section shall come into force on the 10th day of January 1979.

33. Amending Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1977—(1) In respect of the period commencing on the 27th day of July 1977 and ending with the 17th day of October 1978, the reference in section 20 (1) of the Social Security

Amendment Act (No. 2) 1977 to the Third to Fourth Schedules to the principal Act shall be read as a reference to the Third to Tenth Schedules.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the 27th day of July 1977.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 9 (2)

NEW NINETEENTH SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL ACT

(Effective on and after 18 October 1978)

Sections 39A and 69C "NINETEENTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF HANDICAPPED CHILD'S ALLOWANCE PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF A SERIOUSLY HANDICAPPED CHILD AND DISABILITY ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO A DISABLED PERSON

- 1. Rate of handicapped child's allowance \$8 a week
 - 2. Maximum rate of disability allowance \$8 a week."
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Section 27 (1)

SECOND SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPAL ACT INCREASING RATES OF BENEFITS IN
RESPECT OF PERIOD 11 JANUARY 1978 TO 25 JULY 1978

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted	Expressions Substituted
Third Schedule—	\$	\$
Clause 1	2,147.60	2,302.56
Clause 2	2,147.60	2,302.56
Fourth Schedule	1,071.20	1,146.60
Sixth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	1,638.00	1,755.00
Clause 1 (b)	2,147.60	2,302.56
Clause 1 (c)	1,789.84	1,918.80
Clause 1 (d)	1,789.84	1,918.80
Clause 1 (e)	1,789.84	1,918.80
Clause 2	2,985.84	3,114.80
	357.76	383.76
Seventh Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	1,789.84	1,918.80
Clause 1 (b)	2,147.60	2,302.56
Clause 2	2,064.40	2,219.36
Eighth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	31.50	33.75
Clause 1 (b)	41.30	44.28
Clause 1 (c)	34.42	36.90
Clause 1 (d)	34.42	36.90
Clause 1 (e)	34.42	36.90
Clause 1 (f)	34.42	36.90
Clause 2	27.54	29.52
Ninth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	31.50	33.75
Clause 1 (b)	41.30	44.28
Clause 1 (c)	34.42	36.90
Clause 1 (d)	34.42	36.90
Clause 2	27.54	29.52
Fourteenth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a) (i)	1,276.08	1,379.04
Clause 2 (a) (i)	24.54	26.52
Sixteenth Schedule—		
Clause 1	1,638.00	1,755.00
Clause 2	2,147.60	2,302.56
Clause 3	2,147.60	2,302.56
Seventeenth Schedule—		
Clause 1	1,638.00	1,755.00
Clause 2	2,147.60	2,302.56
Clause 3	1,789.84	1,918.80
Clause 4	1,789.84	1,918.80

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 28 (1)

AMENDMENTS TO PRINCIPAL ACT INCREASING RATES OF BENEFITS IN
RESPECT OF PERIOD 26 JULY 1978 TO 17 OCTOBER 1978

Provisions Amended	Expressions Omitted	Expressions Substituted
Third Schedule—	\$	\$
Clause 1	2,147.60	2,411.24
Clause 2	2,147.60	2,411.24
Fourth Schedule	1,071.20	1,198.60
Sixth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	1,638.00	1,835.60
Clause 1 (b)	2,147.60	2,411.24
Clause 1 (c)	1,789.84	2,009.28
Clause 1 (d)	1,789.84	2,009.28
Clause 1 (e)	1,789.84	2,009.28
Clause 2	2,985.84	3,205.28
	357.76	401.96
Seventh Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	1,789.84	2,009.28
Clause 1 (b)	2,147.60	2,411.24
Clause 2	2,064.40	2,328.04
Eighth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	31.50	35.30
Clause 1 (b)	41.30	46.37
Clause 1 (c)	34.42	38.64
Clause 1 (d)	34.42	38.64
Clause 1 (e)	34.42	38.64
Clause 1 (f)	34.42	38.64
Clause 2	27.54	30.91
Ninth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a)	31.50	35.30
Clause 1 (b)	41.30	46.37
Clause 1 (c)	34.42	38.64
Clause 1 (d)	34.42	38.64
Clause 2	27.54	30.91
Fourteenth Schedule—		
Clause 1 (a) (i)	1,276.08	1,451.32
Clause 2 (a) (i)	24.54	27.91
Sixteenth Schedule—		
Clause 1	1,638.00	1,835.60
Clause 2	2,147.60	2,411.24
Clause 3	2,147.60	2,411.24
Seventeenth Schedule—		
Clause 1	1,638.00	1,835.60
Clause 2	2,147.60	2,411.24
Clause 3	1,789.84	2,009.28
Clause 4	1,789.84	2,009.28

Section 30 (1)

FOURTH SCHEDULE

NEW THIRD TO TENTH, TWELFTH, AND FOURTEENTH TO
EIGHTEENTH SCHEDULES TO PRINCIPAL ACT*(Effective on and after 18 October 1978)*

Sections 21, 24

"THIRD SCHEDULE

RATES OF WIDOW'S BENEFITS

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| 1. To a beneficiary without dependent children | \$2,411.24 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of her total annual income in excess of \$2,080 a year. |
| 2. To a beneficiary with 1 or more dependent children | \$2,411.24 a year, increased, in the discretion of the Commission, by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, and diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of her total annual income in excess of \$2,080 a year. |

Section 29

"FOURTH SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATES OF ORPHAN'S BENEFITS

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| In every case | \$1,198.60 a year, diminished by \$3 for every complete \$4 of the total annual income of the orphan in excess of \$260 a year. |
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Section 34

"FIFTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF FAMILY BENEFITS

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| In respect of each child | \$3 a week. |
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FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

"SIXTH SCHEDULE

Sections 42, 43

RATES OF INVALID'S BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years \$1,835.60 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$2,080 a year.
- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$2,411.24 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$2,080 a year.
- (c) To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted, in her or his own right, a benefit (other than national superannuation) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$2,009.28 a year, diminished by 20c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$1,300 a year, but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 40c for every complete \$1 of such income in excess of \$2,080 a year.
- (d) To a married male beneficiary whose wife is not granted, in her own right, a benefit under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$2,009.28 a year, increased by \$2,009.28 a year in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of such income in excess of \$2,080 a year.
- (e) To any other married beneficiary \$2,009.28 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of such income in excess of \$2,080 a year:

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*“SIXTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of national superannuation under Part I of this Act, the rate of the invalid's benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the aggregate of the rates of invalid's benefits that would be payable if the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary were both entitled to receive an invalid's benefit, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$2,009.28 a year:

Provided that if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate rate specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act:

Provided also that, in computing for the purposes of this clause the income of any totally blind person, the Commission shall take no account of the personal earnings of that person:

Provided further that the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause shall be reduced by the amount of any family benefit payable under Part I of this Act in respect of the beneficiary.

2. Maximum amount from all sources where subsidy paid on earnings of blind invalid, in every case \$3,621.28 a year, increased by \$401.96 a year if the beneficiary is an unmarried person.

Sections 49, 53

“SEVENTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF MINERS' BENEFITS AND MINERS' WIDOWS' BENEFITS

1. (a) To a married miner \$2,009.28 a year, increased by \$2,009.28 a year in respect of his wife.
 (b) In any other case \$2,411.24 a year.
 2. To a miner's widow \$2,328.04 a year.

Sections 54A (3), 55

“EIGHTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF SICKNESS BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years without dependants \$35.30 a week, diminished by 8c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 16c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$40 a week.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*"EIGHTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$46.37 a week, diminished by 8c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 16c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$40 a week.
- (c) To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted, in her or his own right, a benefit (other than national superannuation) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$38.64 a week, diminished by 4c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and her or his spouse in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 8c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$40 a week.
- (d) To a married male beneficiary whose wife is not granted, in her own right, a benefit under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$38.64 a week, increased by \$38.64 a week in respect of his wife, the total rate to be diminished by 8c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and his wife in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 16c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$40 a week.
- (e) To any other married beneficiary, except as provided in paragraph (f) of this clause \$38.64 a week, diminished by 8c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary, in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 16c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$40 a week:

Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of national superannuation under Part I of this Act, the rate of the sickness benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the aggregate of the rates of sickness benefits that would be payable if the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary were both entitled to receive a sickness benefit, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$38.64 a week.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*“EIGHTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

- (f) To a married person under section 54A \$38.64 a week, diminished by 8c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 16c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$40 a week:

Provided that, for the purposes of paragraphs (a) to (e) of this clause, if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate rate specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act:

Provided also that the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause shall be reduced by the amount of any family benefit payable under Part I of this Act in respect of the beneficiary.

2. Maximum increase in respect of a housekeeper \$30.91 a week.

Section 59

“NINTH SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATES OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 20 years without dependants \$35.30 a week.
 (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$46.37 a week.
 (c) To a married male beneficiary \$38.64 a week, increased by \$38.64 a week in respect of his wife.
 (d) To a married female beneficiary \$38.64 a week.
2. Maximum increase in respect of a housekeeper \$30.91 a week:

Provided that, if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate rate specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act.

Section 66

“TENTH SCHEDULE

SPECIAL INCOME EXEMPTION IN RESPECT OF SICK BENEFITS FROM FRIENDLY OR LIKE SOCIETY (NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION PAYABLE UNDER SECTION 16 OF THIS ACT, INVALIDS', WIDOWS', DOMESTIC PURPOSES, AND SICKNESS BENEFITS ONLY)

- Maximum rate \$2 a week in the case of a sickness benefit, and \$104 a year in any other case.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

"TWELFTH SCHEDULE

Section 69

MAXIMUM INCREASE IN RATE OF BENEFIT PAYABLE TO PARENT OF
DECEASED MEMBER OF FORCES OR MERCANTILE MARINE

Maximum rate \$1 a week.

"FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE

Section 61A

ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN

1. To any person receiving an emergency benefit payable otherwise than by weekly instalments, or a widow's, domestic purposes, or invalid's benefit—
 - (a) At the rate payable to an unmarried beneficiary—
 - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$1,451.32 a year.
 - (ii) On account of second dependent child \$156 a year.
 - (iii) On account of each additional dependent child after the second \$104 a year.
 - (b) At the rate payable to a married beneficiary—
 - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$156 a year.
 - (ii) On account of each additional dependent child after the first \$104 a year.
2. To any person receiving an emergency benefit payable by weekly instalments, or a sickness or unemployment benefit—
 - (a) At the rate payable to an unmarried beneficiary—
 - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$27.91 a week.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*“FOURTEENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

- (ii) On account of second dependent child \$3 a week.
- (iii) On account of each additional dependent child after the second \$2 a week.
- (b) At the rate payable to a married beneficiary—
 - (i) On account of first or only dependent child \$3 a week.
 - (ii) On account of each additional dependent child after the first \$2 a week.

Section 124 (4) “FIFTEENTH SCHEDULE

MAXIMUM RATE OF REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE

To any disabled person \$10 a week.

“SIXTEENTH SCHEDULE

Sections 27B, 27C, 27E

RATES OF DOMESTIC PURPOSES BENEFITS

1. To a beneficiary without dependent children \$2,411.24 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$2,080 a year.
2. To a beneficiary with 1 or more dependent children \$2,411.24 a year, increased, in the discretion of the Commission, by an amount not exceeding the appropriate amount specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act, and diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$2,080 a year.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

"SEVENTEENTH SCHEDULE Sections 27g, 27h

RATES OF DOMESTIC PURPOSES BENEFITS

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| 1. To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years | \$1,835.60 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$2,080 a year. |
| 2. To any other unmarried beneficiary | \$2,411.24 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$2,080 a year. |
| 3. To a married beneficiary whose wife or husband is granted, in her or his own right, a benefit (other than national superannuation) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 | \$2,009.28 a year, diminished by 20c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 40c for every complete \$1 of such income in excess of \$2,080 a year. |
| 4. To any other married beneficiary | \$2,009.28 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of such income in excess of \$2,080 a year: |

Provided that, if the spouse of the beneficiary is not in receipt of national superannuation under Part I of this Act, the rate of the domestic purposes benefit payable to the beneficiary shall not be less than the aggregate of the rates of domestic purposes benefits that would be payable if the beneficiary and the spouse of the beneficiary were both entitled to receive a domestic purposes benefit, but the rate of benefit payable hereunder shall not exceed \$2,009.28 a year.

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

Sections 61E, 61F "EIGHTEENTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF ADDITIONAL BENEFIT

1. To any unmarried person without a dependent child or children \$6 a week, diminished by 50c a week in respect of each \$1 a week, or part thereof, of the applicant's income in excess of \$1 a week, and further diminished by 50c a week in respect of each \$100, or part thereof, of the applicant's cash assets in excess of \$100:

Provided that the rate of additional benefit shall be increased by half the amount by which the applicant's weekly rent, or weekly outgoings on any property occupied by him as a home, exceed \$6 a week, or by half the amount by which his board payments exceed \$15 a week, but not in any case by more than \$6 a week:

2. To any married couple or solo parent with a dependent child or children \$10 a week, diminished by \$1 a week in respect of each \$2 a week, or part thereof, of the married couple's or solo parent's income in excess of \$2 a week, and further diminished by \$1 a week in respect of each \$200, or part thereof, of the married couple's or solo parent's cash assets in excess of \$200:

Provided that the rate of the additional benefit shall be increased by half the amount by which the couple's or solo parent's weekly rent, or weekly outgoings on any property occupied by the applicant as a home, exceed \$6 a week, or by half the amount by which the couple's or solo parent's board payments exceed \$25 a week, but not in any case by more than \$6 a week:

FOURTH SCHEDULE—*continued*"EIGHTEENTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

Provided also that the rate of additional benefit may, in the discretion of the Commission, be further increased by up to \$2 a week if the couple or solo parent has essential and regular commitments of an exceptional nature which, in the opinion of the Commission, could not reasonably be expected to be met otherwise than by an additional benefit granted under this proviso."

FIFTH SCHEDULE

Section 26

NEW SIXTH AND EIGHTH SCHEDULES TO PRINCIPAL ACT

(Effective on and after 10 January 1979)

"SIXTH SCHEDULE

Sections 42, 43

RATES OF INVALIDS' BENEFITS

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| 1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years | \$1,835.60 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$2,080 a year. |
| (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary | \$2,411.24 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$1,300 but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary in excess of \$2,080 a year. |
| (c) To a married beneficiary whose spouse is granted, in his or her own right, a benefit (other than national superannuation) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 | \$2,009.28 a year, diminished by 20c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$1,300 a year, but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 40c for every complete \$1 of such income in excess of \$2,080 a year. |

FIFTH SCHEDULE—*continued*“SIXTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

- (d) To a married beneficiary whose spouse is not granted, in his or her own right, a benefit under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$2,009.28 a year, increased by \$2,009.28 a year in respect of his or her spouse, the total rate to be diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of such income in excess of \$2,080 a year.
- (e) To a married beneficiary whose spouse is granted, in his or her own right, national superannuation under Part I of this Act \$2,009.28 a year, diminished by 40c for every complete \$1 of the total annual income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$1,300 a year but not in excess of \$2,080 a year, and by 80c for every complete \$1 of such income in excess of \$2,080 a year:

Provided that if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate rate specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act:

Provided also that, in computing for the purposes of this clause the income of any totally blind person, the Commission shall take no account of the personal earnings of that person:

Provided further that the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause shall be reduced by the amount of any family benefit payable under Part I of this Act in respect of the beneficiary.

2. Maximum amount from all sources where subsidy paid on earnings of blind invalid, in every case \$3,621.28 a year, increased by \$401.96 a year if the beneficiary is an unmarried person.

Sections 54A (3), 55 “EIGHTH SCHEDULE

RATES OF SICKNESS BENEFITS

1. (a) To an unmarried beneficiary under the age of 18 years without dependants \$35.30 a week, diminished by 8c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 16c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$40 a week.

FIFTH SCHEDULE—*continued*"EIGHTH SCHEDULE—*continued*

- (b) To any other unmarried beneficiary \$46.37 a week, diminished by 8c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 16c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$40 a week.
- (c) To a married beneficiary whose spouse is granted, in his or her own right, a benefit (other than national superannuation) under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$38.64 a week, diminished by 4c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 8c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$40 a week.
- (d) To a married beneficiary whose spouse is not granted, in his or her own right, a benefit under Part I of this Act, or an economic pension, war veteran's allowance, or war service pension under the War Pensions Act 1954 \$38.64 a week, increased by \$38.64 a week in respect of his or her spouse, the total rate to be diminished by 8c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 16c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$40 a week.
- (e) To a married beneficiary whose spouse is granted, in his or her own right, national superannuation under Part I of this Act \$38.64 a week, diminished by 8c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary and his or her spouse in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 16c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$40 a week.
- (f) To a married person under section 54A \$38.64 a week, diminished by 8c for every complete 20c of the total weekly income of the beneficiary in excess of \$25 a week but not in excess of \$40 a week, and by 16c for every complete 20c of such income in excess of \$40 a week:

FIFTH SCHEDULE—*continued*“EIGHTH SCHEDULE—*continued*”

Provided that for the purposes of paragraphs (a) to (e) of this clause, if the beneficiary has the care of a dependent child or children, the rate of benefit specified in this Schedule may, in the discretion of the Commission, be increased by an amount not exceeding the appropriate rate specified in the Fourteenth Schedule to this Act.

Provided also that the rates specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this clause shall be reduced by the amount of any family benefit payable under Part I of this Act in respect of the beneficiary.

2. Maximum increase in res- \$30.91 a week.”
pect of a housekeeper

This Act is administered in the Department of Social Welfare.
