

## **Customs and Excise (Social Assistance) Amendment Bill**

Government Bill

As reported from the committee of the whole  
House

This bill was formerly part of the Social Assistance (Debt Prevention and Minimisation) Amendment Bill as reported from the Social Services Committee. The committee of the whole House has further amended the bill and has divided it into the following bills:

- Corrections (Social Assistance) Amendment Bill comprising clauses 1 and 2, and Part 1
  - This bill comprising subpart 1 of Part 2
  - Injury Prevention, Rehabilitation, and Compensation (Social Assistance) Amendment Bill comprising subpart 2 of Part 2
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**The Parliament of New Zealand enacts as follows:**

**1 Title**

This Act is the Customs and Excise (Social Assistance) Amendment Act **2008**.

**2 Commencement**

This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it receives the Royal assent. 5

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**8 Principal Act amended**

This **subpart** amends the Customs and Excise Act 1996.

**9 Purpose of this subpart**

The purpose of this **subpart** is to amend the principal Act so that the purposes for which it facilitates the exchange of information between the Customs and the department for the time being responsible for the administration of the Social Security Act 1964 include enabling the recovery of any debt due to the Crown in respect of any benefit. 5

**10 Supply of arrival and departure information for benefit purposes** 10

- (1) The heading to section 280 is amended by inserting “**and benefit debt recovery**” after “**benefit**”.
- (2) Section 280 is amended by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection: 15
- “(2) The purpose of this section is to facilitate the exchange of information between the Customs and the department for the time being responsible for the administration of the Social Security Act 1964 for all or any of the following purposes:
- “(a) to verify the entitlement or eligibility of any person to or for any benefit: 20
- “(b) to verify the amount of any benefit to which a person is or was entitled or for which a person is or was eligible:
- “(c) to enable the recovery of any debt due to the Crown in respect of any benefit.” 25

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**Legislative history**

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Divided from Social Assistance (Debt Prevention  
and Minimisation) Amendment Bill (Bill 134–2)  
by committee of the whole House

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