

Mr King

MEDICAL CARE BILL

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

The Medical Care Bill

WHEREAS a chronic and urgent situation obtains in regard to the lack of medical treatment economically available to pensioners and young children and the deterrent and tragic effect that this is having on the individual and the community, it is proposed that, pending legislation consequent upon the Report of the Royal Commission on Social Security:

10 BE IT THEREFORE 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 Medical Care Act 1971.

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Price 5c

2. Increase in the rate of general medical services benefits for means test beneficiaries—That the Social Security Act of 1964 be amended so as to provide that the rates of general medical services benefit be immediately increased for all means test beneficiaries so that the full cost of medical care is covered by such payment. 5

3. Increase in the rate of general medical services benefits for universal superannuitants—That the Social Security Act of 1964 be amended so as to provide that the rates of general medical services benefit be immediately increased for all those in receipt of universal superannuation benefits so that the full cost of medical care is covered by such payment. 10

4. Increase in the rate of general medical services benefits for all children under 16 years of age—That the Social Security Act of 1964 be amended so as to provide that the rates of general medical services benefit be immediately increased for all those under the age of 16 years so that the full cost of medical care is covered by such payment. 15