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SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Social Security Act 1938

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

No. 71—2

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Social Security Amendment Act 1957, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security Act 1938 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

PART I

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RATES OF MONETARY BENEFITS

2. Commencement—This Part of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Superannuation Benefits

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3. Increasing maximum rate of superannuation benefits—
 (1) Section thirteen of the principal Act (as substituted by section three of the Social Security Amendment Act 1951) is hereby amended by omitting from subsection three the words “one hundred and eighty-two pounds”, and substituting the words “two hundred and one pounds ten shillings”.
 (2) Section three of the Social Security Amendment Act 1955 is hereby repealed.

Age Benefits

4. Increasing rate of age benefits—(1) Section sixteen of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words “one hundred and eighty-two pounds”, and substituting the words “two hundred and one pounds ten shillings”.
 (2) Section four of the Social Security Amendment Act 1955 is hereby repealed.

5. Deductions from basic rate in respect of income—
 (1) Section seventeen of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) By omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection one and also from paragraph (a) of subsection two the words “seventy-eight pounds”, and substituting in each case the words “one hundred and four pounds”;
- (b) By omitting from paragraph (b) of subsection two the words “two hundred and sixty pounds”, and substituting the words “three hundred and five pounds ten shillings”:

(c) By omitting from the first proviso to the same paragraph (as substituted by section five of the Social Security Amendment Act 1954) the words "one hundred and eighty-two pounds", and substituting the words "two hundred and one pounds ten shillings".

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(2) Section five of the Social Security Amendment Act 1950 and section five of the Social Security Amendment Act 1955 are hereby repealed.

6. Increasing additional benefit in respect of service in

10 **South African War**—(1) Section nineteen of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By omitting the words "thirteen pounds thirteen shillings", and substituting the words "twenty-six pounds":

15 (b) By omitting from the proviso the words "two hundred and sixty pounds", and substituting the words "three hundred and five pounds ten shillings".

(2) Section eight of the Social Security Amendment Act 1943 and section six of the Social Security Amendment Act 20 1955 are hereby repealed.

Widows' Benefits

7. Increasing rate of widows' benefits—(1) Section twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (a) the words "one hundred and eighty-two 25 pounds", and substituting the words "two hundred and one pounds ten shillings".

(2) Section twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing paragraph (b) (as substituted by subsection two of section seven of the Social Security 30 Amendment Act 1954), and substituting the following paragraph:

35 "(b) Where the applicant has a child or children under sixteen years of age dependent upon her, the Commission may in its discretion increase the rate of benefit by a mother's allowance not exceeding—

"(i) In the case of an applicant with one dependent child, one hundred and forty-three pounds a year:

40 "(ii) In the case of an applicant with two or more dependent children, the rate specified in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph further increased by an amount not exceeding twenty-six pounds a year for the second and each additional dependent child up to the sixth."

(3) Section seven of the Social Security Amendment Act 1954 and section seven of the Social Security Amendment Act 1955 are hereby repealed.

8. Deductions from rate of widows' benefits—Section twenty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (a) the words “seventy-eight pounds”, and substituting the words “one hundred and four pounds”. 5

Orphans' Benefits

9. Increasing rate of orphans' benefits—(1) Section twenty-seven of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words “eighty-four pounds ten shillings”, and substituting the words “one hundred and four pounds”. 10

(2) Section eight of the Social Security Amendment Act 1955 is hereby repealed. 15

Invalids' Benefits

10. Increasing rates of invalids' benefits—(1) Section thirty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

(a) By omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection one the words “one hundred and eighty-two pounds” wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words “two hundred and one pounds ten shillings”: 20

(b) By omitting from paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words “one hundred and forty-nine pounds ten shillings”, and substituting the words “one hundred and sixty-nine pounds”: 25

(c) By omitting from paragraph (c) of the same subsection the words “one hundred and eighty-two pounds”, and substituting the words “two hundred and one pounds ten shillings”: 30

(d) By omitting from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subsection two and also from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of the same subsection and from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (d) of the same subsection the words “seventy-eight pounds”, and substituting in each case the words “one hundred and four pounds”: 35

(e) By omitting from subparagraph (i) of paragraph (c) of the same subsection the words “two hundred and sixty pounds”, and substituting the words “three hundred and five pounds ten shillings”: 40

(f) By omitting from the proviso to paragraph (c) of the same subsection the words "one hundred and eighty-two pounds", and substituting the words "two hundred and one pounds ten shillings":

5 (g) By omitting from the same proviso the words "ten pounds ten shillings", and substituting the words "eleven pounds fifteen shillings".

(2) Section eleven of the Social Security Amendment Act 1950 and section nine of the Social Security Amendment Act
10 1955 are hereby repealed.

11. Increasing amount of income from personal earnings of blind beneficiary to be disregarded—Section thirty-four of the principal Act is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection three the words "one hundred and fifty-six pounds",
15 and substituting the words "five hundred and twenty pounds".

12. Increasing additional benefit payable in respect of blindness—(1) Section thirty-five of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from the proviso the words "three hundred and sixty-four pounds", and substituting the
20 words "four hundred and sixty-one pounds ten shillings".

(2) Section ten of the Social Security Amendment Act 1955 is hereby repealed.

Miners' Benefits

13. Increasing rates of miners' benefits—(1) Section forty-
25 one of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting the words "one hundred and eighty-two pounds" wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words "two hundred and one pounds ten shillings".

(2) Section eleven of the Social Security Amendment Act
30 1955 is hereby repealed.

14. Increasing rate of benefit to widow of deceased miner—
(1) Section forty-four of the principal Act is hereby amended by omitting from subsection one the words "one hundred and forty-nine pounds ten shillings", and substituting the words
35 "one hundred and sixty-nine pounds".

(2) Section twelve of the Social Security Amendment Act 1955 is hereby repealed.

Sickness Benefits

15. Increasing rates of sickness benefits—(1) Subsection two of section forty-six of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) By omitting from paragraph (a) the words “forty-seven shillings and sixpence”, and substituting the words “fifty-five shillings”:
- (b) By omitting from paragraph (b) the words “seventy shillings” wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words “seventy-seven shillings and sixpence”:
- (c) By omitting from the proviso to subsection two the words “thirty shillings”, and substituting the words “forty shillings”:
- (d) By omitting from the same proviso the words “fifty shillings”, and substituting the words “sixty shillings”.

(2) Section sixteen of the Social Security Amendment Act 1950 and section thirteen of the Social Security Amendment Act 1955 are hereby repealed.

Unemployment Benefits

16. Increasing rates of unemployment benefits—(1) Section fifty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) By omitting from paragraph (a) of subsection one the words “forty-seven shillings and sixpence”, and substituting the words “fifty-five shillings”:
- (b) By omitting from paragraph (b) of the same subsection the words “seventy shillings” wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words “seventy-seven shillings and sixpence”.

(2) Section fourteen of the Social Security Amendment Act 1955 is hereby repealed.

PART II

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AS TO MONETARY BENEFITS

17. Increasing limit of personal earnings of blind invalid that may be disregarded—(1) Section four of the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1955 is hereby amended by omitting from the proviso to subsection one the words “one hundred and fifty-six pounds”, and substituting the words “five hundred and twenty pounds”.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

18. **Authority to increase rates of benefits from 19 November 1956 to 31 August 1957**—(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, the Commission may, in its discretion, and in accordance with any general or special directions of the Minister of Social Security, in respect of the period commencing on the nineteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and ending with the thirty-first day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, increase the rate of any benefit under Part II of the principal Act by an amount not exceeding twenty pounds sixteen shillings a year.

(2) This section shall be deemed to have come into force on the nineteenth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

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PART IIA

MEDICAL BENEFITS

18A. **Meaning of “general medical services”**—Section three of the Social Security Amendment Act 1941 is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (b).

PART III

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

19. **Exemption of non-resident investment companies from charge on interest**—(1) Section two of the Social Security Amendment Act 1940 is hereby amended by adding to subsection one the words “and is not a non-resident investment company; and the expression ‘non-resident investment company’ means a non-resident company (not being a company of the kind referred to in section one hundred and fifty of the Land and Income Tax Act 1954) which derives no income from New Zealand except interest and which has no investments or other assets in New Zealand except the principal money from which the interest is derived”.

(2) This section shall apply with respect to the charge on income derived during the year that ended with the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and during every subsequent year.