

SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS Bill seeks to amend the Social Security Act 1964 by removing the bar on the payment of social security benefits to persons who are absent from New Zealand for 13 weeks or more.

The Bill would permit the Social Security Commission to pay the benefit to persons temporarily absent from New Zealand, thus restoring the position which existed before the present bar was imposed on 1 August 1979.

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ANALYSIS

Title	2. Effect of absence of beneficiary
1. Short Title	from New Zealand

A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Social Security Act 1964

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

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Social Security Amendment Act 1981, and shall be read together with, and deemed part of, the Social Security Act 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Effect of absence of beneficiary from New Zealand**—
(1) Section 77 of the principal Act (as amended by section 10 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1979) is hereby amended by repealing subsections (1), (1A), and (1B), and substituting the following subsection:

15 “(1) No benefit shall be payable in respect of any period during which the beneficiary is absent from New Zealand;
“Provided that the Commission may, in its discretion, pay the whole or any part of any benefit in respect of any period during which the beneficiary is temporarily absent from New
20 Zealand.”

(2) Section 10 (1) of the Social Security Amendment Act 1979 is hereby consequentially repealed.

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