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SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT (NO. 2)

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the Social Security Act 1964

WHEREAS chiropractic is defined as in the Chiropractors Act 1960: And whereas Chiropractors so registered are also
5 licensed under the Radiation Protection Act 1965 for chiropractic diagnostic purposes: And whereas during the 1973-74 year approximately 38,000 new patients consulted registered chiropractors in New Zealand: And whereas in Canada and
10 the United States of America all provincial, state, and federal health agencies accord Doctors of Chiropractic the same respect and financial reward for professional services as they do Doctors of Medicine and thereby recognise chiropractic as a primary health service: And whereas chiropractic
15 is the only registered health profession in New Zealand not covered by the Social Security Act 1964 and the Accident Compensation Act 1972 and this is anomalous: And whereas the Accident Compensation Act 1972 is self-sufficient and therefore creates no demand on the General Fund: And
20 whereas it is desirable that financial assistance be provided to patients for chiropractic services under the Social Security Act 1964 and the Accident Compensation Act 1972:

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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 and commencement—(1) This Act may be cited as the Social Security Amendment Act (No. 2) 1974, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security Act 1964. 5

(2) This Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st day of April 1974.

2. Interpretation—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,— 10

“Chiropractic” means the examination and adjustment by hand of the segments of the human spinal column and pelvis:

“Chiropractic services” means any and all chiropractic diagnostic examinations (including diagnostic x-ray examinations) considered an accepted part of the practice of chiropractic and the treatment prescribed as a result thereof. 15

3. Extension for Chiropractic Services—Subsection (2) of section 116 of the Social Security Act 1964 is hereby amended by adding after the words “physiotherapy services” the words “for chiropractic services”. 20