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SOCIAL SECURITY (PAYMENT OF BENEFITS)

ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITUTLED

An Act to amend the Social Security Act 1964 to provide for the spreading of payments for certain benefits

5 **1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Social Security (Payment of Benefits) Act 1992, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security Act 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Interpretation**—Section 3(1) of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing the definition of the term “pay day” (as substituted by section 37(1)(a) of the Social Welfare (Transitional Provisions) Act 1990), and substituting the following definition:

“‘Pay day’,—

15 (a) In relation to national superannuation, a veteran’s pension, or a widow’s, domestic purposes, invalid’s, sickness, or unemployment benefit, means the day for payment of that benefit to a beneficiary as a member of a particular group of beneficiaries under subsections (1A) and (1B) of section 82 of this Act; and

20 (b) In relation to any other benefit, means the day from time to time fixed by the Director-General as the date on which an instalment of a benefit falls due for payment.”

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3. Payment of benefits—Section 82 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after subsection (1), the following subsections:

“(1A) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (1) of this section, in any week where an instalment of national superannuation, a veteran’s pension, or a widow’s, domestic purposes, invalid’s sickness, or unemployment benefit is payable, each office of the Department shall divide the number of beneficiaries to receive that benefit into five groups, to be as equal in number as practicable, and shall pay each group of beneficiaries that benefit on a different day of the week (not being a Saturday or Sunday) from any other group of beneficiaries. 5 10

“(1B) Where the day for payment of an instalment of a benefit under subsection (1A) of this section is— 15

“(a) Christmas Day:

“(b) Boxing Day:

“(c) New Year’s Day:

“(d) The second day of January (or some other day in its place): 20

“(e) Good Friday:

“(f) Easter Monday:

“(g) ANZAC Day:

“(h) Labour Day:

“(i) The birthday of the reigning Sovereign: 25

“(j) Waitangi Day:

“(k) The day of the anniversary of the province (or some other day in its place),—

the payment shall be on the first day immediately preceding the day for payment which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or one of the days stated in paragraphs (a) to (k) of this subsection.” 30