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KAMRA TAD-DEPUTATI

ABBOZZ ta' Liġi mressaq mill-Onorevoli Louis Galea, M.P., Ministru tal-Politika Soċjali u moqri għall-Ewwel darba fis-Seduta tal-11 ta' Diċembru, 1987.

ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Att ta' l-1987 dwar is-Sigurtà Soċjali

P. MUSCAT TERRIBILE
Aġent Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A BILL introduced by the Honourable Louis Galea, M.P., Minister for Social Policy and read the First time at the Sitting of the 11th December, 1987.

AN ACT further to amend the Social Security Act, 1987.

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ABBOZZ TA' LIĠI

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ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Att ta' l-1987 dwar is-Sigurtà Soċjali.

IL-PRESIDENT, bil-parir u l-kunsens tal-Kamra tad-Deputati, imlaqqgħa f'dan il-Parlament, u bl-awtorità ta' l-istess, hareġ b'liġi dan li ġej:—

1. (1) Dan l-Att jista' jissejjah l-Att ta' l-1988 li jemenda l-Att dwar is-Sigurtà Soċjali, u għandu jinqara u jiftiehem haġa waħda ma' l-Att ta' l-1987 dwar is-Sigurtà Soċjali, hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjah "l-Att prinċipali".

Titolu fil-qosor
u bidu fis-sehh.

(2) (a) L-artikoli 7 u 16 ta' dan l-Att għandhom jitqiesu li bdew isehhu fl-1 ta' Jannar, 1987;

(b) Il-paragrafu (a) ta' l-artikolu 2, l-artikolu 3, l-artikoli minn 5 sa 9, 11 sa 13 u 17 sa 20, kollha ta' dan l-Att, għandhom jitqiesu li bdew isehhu fit-2 ta' Jannar, 1988;

(ċ) L-artikolu 4 ta' dan l-Att għandu jitqies li beda jsehħ fl-4 ta' Jannar, 1988; u

(d) L-artikoli l-oħra kollha ta' dan l-Att għandhom jitqiesu li bdew isehhu mal-hruġ ta' dan l-Att.

2. L-Arraġamenti ta' l-Artikoli ta' l-Att prinċipali għandhom jiġu emendati kif ġej:

Emenda ta'
l-Arraġamenti
ta' l-Artikoli
fl-Att prinċipali.

(a) fit-Taqsima VI tagħhom —

(i) minnufih wara l-kliem "82 Hlas tal-Benefiċċju dwar il-Maternità" għandhom jizdiedu dawn il-kliem li ġejjin:

"82A Allowance ta' Ġenitur

82B Limitazzjoni dwar l-applikabilità ta' *Allowance* ta' Ġenitur

82C Estensjoni ta' *Allowance* ta' Ġenitur lil persuni oħra minbarra l-omm"; u

(ii) minnufih wara l-kliem "83 *Allowance* tat-Tfal" għandhom jidhlu dawn il-kliem:

"83A *Allowance* għal Tifel Handikappat"; u

(b) fit-Taqsima VII tiegħu, minnufih wara l-kliem "99 Persuni rikoverati f'istituzzjonijiet għax-xjuħ u oħrajn" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem:

"99A Hlasijiet minflok pensjoni li jingħataw lill-irġiel miżżewġin u lil marthom meta r-raġel ikun residenti f'*hostel* ta' l-Istat għall-kura u l-*welfare* ta' l-anzjani.

99B Persuni li jibbenefikaw minn servizzi ta' kura/ghajnuna mogħtijin fid-djar mill-Gvern".

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 2 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

3. Is-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 2 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) fil-paragrafu (d) tat-tifsira ta' "persuna gravement handikappata", minnufih wara l-kliem "jew riglejn;" għandha tiżdied il-kelma "jew", u

(b) minnufih wara l-paragrafu (d) tat-tifsira ta' "persuna gravement handikappata", għandu jidhol dan il-paragrafu ġdid li ġej:

"(e) minn haemophilia;"

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 10 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

4. Is-subartikolu (3) ta' l-artikolu 10 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) minnufih wara l-kliem "Diċembru ta' kull sena:" għandhom jiżdiedu l-kliem "hief meta dak li jimpjega lilu nnifsu konċernat ikun, sat-3 ta' Jannar, 1988, għażel li jhallas rata oghla ta' kontribuzzjoni minn dik li kienet tithallas minnu mod ieħor kif imsemmi qabel; iżda hekk illi, dik l-għażla ma għandhiex, madankollu, ikollha aktar seħħ mill-4 ta' Jannar, 1988."; u

(b) il-proviso li tinsab miegħu għandha tithassar.

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 27 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

5. Fis-subparagrafu (ii) tal-paragrafu (ċ) tas-subartikoli (1) u (2) ta' l-artikolu 27 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem "Lm425" u "Lm225", għandhom f'kull każ jidhlu l-kliem "Lm625" u "Lm325", rispettivament.

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 50 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

6. Minnufih wara s-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 50 ta' l-Att prinċipali, għandhom jidhlu dawn il-provisos ġodda li ġejjin:

“Iżda, b’senh mill-1 ta’ Jannar, 1989, armla intitolata ghal Pensjoni Supplimentari taht u skond id-dispożizzjonijiet ta’ dan l-Att ma ghandhiex titef id-dritt taghha ghal dik il-pensjoni ghar-raġuni li hija tkun imbaghad lahqet l-età ta’ 60 sena:

Iżda iktar —

(i) għall-perijodu bejn it-2 ta’ Jannar, 1988 u l-31 ta’ Diċembru, 1988 armla li f’xi żmien tkun jew kienet tirċievi Pensjoni Supplimentari u li titef jew tilfet il-Pensjoni Supplimentari taghha ghar-raġuni li tkun lahqet l-età ta’ 60 sena, hija ghandha, b’zieda ma’ kull pensjoni ohra li tista’ mbaghad tkun intitolata għaliha matul il-perijodu msemmi qabel taht id-dispożizzjonijiet ta’ l-artikoli 34 sa 36 ta’ dan l-Att, tirċievi ghotja ta’ Lm2, jew parti minnhom, fil-ġimgħa; hekk iżda li, dik l-ghotja ma ghandhiex tkun teċċedi l-Pensjoni Supplimentari hekk mitlufa; u

(ii) b’senh mill-1 ta’ Jannar, 1989, kull armla kif imsemmija fil-paragrafu (i) ta’ dan il-proviso ghandha titef id-dritt taghha li tirċievi pensjoni taht l-artikoli 34 sa 36 ta’ dan l-Att u għall-ghotja msemmija fil-paragrafu (i) ta’ dan il-proviso iżda hija ghandha minflok tirċievi Pensjoni tar-Romol jew Benefiċċju ghar-Romol, kif ikun il-każ, skond id-dispożizzjonijiet ta’ dan l-Att, flimkien ma’ Pensjoni Supplimentari bir-rata ta’ Lm7.63 fil-ġimgħa skond id-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subartikolu (2) ta’ dan l-artikolu u ta’ l-artikolu 51 ta’ dan l-Att.”.

7. Fit-test Malti tal-paragrafu (b) ta’ l-artikolu 55 ta’ l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem “qabel il-mewt ta’ żewġha” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “matul il-perijodu taż-żwieġ taghha”. Emenda ta’ l-artikolu 55 ta’ l-Att prinċipali.

8. Minnufih wara l-artikolu 82 ta’ l-Att prinċipali, ghandhom jidhlu dawn l-artikoli godda li ġejjin: Zieda ta’ artikoli godda 82A sa 82C ma’ l-Att prinċipali.

“Allowance ta’ Ġenitur.

82A. (1) Mara li tipprova ghas-sodisfazzjon tad-Direttur illi —

(i) tkun qeghda tiehu hsieb it-tifel taghha li jkollu inqas minn hdax-il sena;

(ii) ma tkunx qeghda taħdem bi qliegh; u

(iii) id-dhul gross totali taghha, flimkien ma’ dak ta’ żewġha, jekk ikollha, (b’eskluzjoni ta’ kull allowance jew benefiċċju li jithallsu taht l-artikoli 81, 83, 83A u 84 ta’ dan l-Att) mhux probabbli li jeċċedi Lm2400 fis-sena kalendarja li matulha ssir talba ghal jew tithallas Allowance ta’ Ġenitur taht dan l-artikolu,

ghandha tkun intitolata ghal Allowance ta’ Ġenitur bir-rata

ta' Lm2 fil-ġimgha skond id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' l-artikoli 82B u 82C ta' dan l-Att:

Iżda, ma ghandhiex titqies *Allowance* ta' Ġenitur imhallsa taht dan l-Att fil-kalkolu li jsir tad-dhul gross annwali totali msemmi fil-paragrafu (iii) ta' dan l-artikolu.

(2) Ghall-finijiet ta' dan l-artikolu —

“tifel” tinkludi tifel li l-ġenituri tieghu mhux maghrufa jew li ġie abbandunat mill-ġenituri tieghu, sakemm dak it-tifel ma jkunx iddahhal f'xi istitut;

“żewġha” tinkludi raġel li, fl-opinjoni tad-Direttur, ikun qieghed jghix ma' mara daqslikieku huwa kien ir-raġel legittimament miżżewweġ maghha;

“dhul gross totali” tfisser id-dhul kollu riċevut jew li jista' jiġi riċevut, sew jekk bi qliegh jew mhux bi qliegh, qabel ma jsir xi tnaqqis ta' taxxa fuq l-*income* taht l-Att ta' l-1948 dwar it-Taxxa fuq l-*Income*, jew ta' kontribuzzjonijiet taht dan l-Att, iżda ma tinkludix xi spejjeż li jintefqu sabiex jiġi generat dak id-dhul.

Limitazzjoni dwar l-applikabilità ta' *Allowance* ta' Ġenitur.

82B. (1) Ma ghandhiex tinghata *Allowance* ta' Ġenitur imhallsa taht l-artikolu 82A ta' dan l-Att hlief jekk il-mara konċernata —

(a) tkun ċittadina ta' Malta jew missier it-tifel ikun ċittadin ta' Malta, jew jekk mejjet, kien ċittadin ta' Malta fi żmien mewtu;

(b) tkun ordinarjament residenti f'Malta; u

(ċ) tkun qeghda tirċievi *allowance* imhallsa taht l-artikolu 83 ta' dan l-Att dwar l-istess tifel jew li kien imissha tirċievi din l-*allowance* li ma kienx ghad-dispożizzjonijiet tal-paragrafu (b) tas-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 86 ta' dan l-Att:

Iżda, fejn mara tali hija —

(i) separata jew abbandunata mir-raġel li legittimament miżżewweġ maghha, jew

(ii) armla, jew

(iii) mhix miżżewġa iżda b'danakollu omm fl-istess waqt,

għandu jkollha d-dritt għal *Allowance* ta' Ġenitur taht u skond id-dispożizzjonijiet l-oħra ta' dan l-artikolu u ta' l-artikolu 82A ta' dan l-Att, minkejja l-fatt li ma tkunx qed tirċievi *allowance* taht l-artikolu 83 ta' dan l-Att.

(2) Minkejja d-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subartikolu (1) ta' dan l-artikolu, *Allowance* ta' Ġenitur ma għandhiex tithallas —

(a) barra minn Malta; jew

(b) matul xi perijodu li matulu t-tifel imsemmi fl-artikolu 82A ta' dan l-Att ma jkunx qiegħed jgħix f'Malta, hliet jekk id-Direttur ikun sodisfatt li t-tifel huwa assenti minn Malta b'konnessjoni mal-kura medika tiegħu stess jew li t-tifel ikun qiegħed barra minn Malta b'vaganza għal perijodu li ma jkunx jeċċedi t-tliet xhur; jew

(c) jekk il-mara konċernata ma jkollhiex iktar il-kura u l-kustodja effettiva tat-tifel imsemmi fl-artikolu 82A ta' dan l-Att; jew

(d) jekk il-mara konċernata tibda taħdem bi qliegħ; jew

(e) meta t-tifel jilhaq l-età ta' hdax-il sena.

Estensjoni ta' *Allowance* ta' Ġenitur lil persuni oħra minbarra l-omm.

82Ċ. Meta f'xi familja mara li tkun qegħda tirċievi *allowance* għar-rigward ta' tifel taħt l-artikolu 82A ta' dan l-Att, tmut jew ma tibqax tiegħu hsieb tat-tifel wara separazzjoni legali jew *de facto* minn ma' żewġha, kull persuna oħra f'dik il-familja li tipprova għas-sodisfazzjoni tad-Direttur illi —

(a) għandha l-kura effettiva u l-kustodja effettiva tat-tifel, u

(b) hija ma tkunx qegħda taħdem bi qliegħ,

għandha tkun intitolata għal *Allowance* ta' Ġenitur hekk kif imhallsa taħt u skond id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att minflok tali mara.”

9. Minnufih wara l-artikolu 83 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jidhol dan l-artikolu ġdid li ġej:

Zieda ta' artikolu ġdid 83A ma' l-Att prinċipali.

"*Allowance* għal Tifel Handikappat.

83A. Bla hsara għad-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att, tifel f'xi familja, li għar-rigward tiegħu tkun qegħda tithallas *allowance* taħt l-artikolu 83 ta' dan l-Att, għandu jsir ukoll eligibbli għal *Allowance* għal Tifel Handikappat bir-rata ta' Lm3 fil-ġimgħa jekk dak it-tifel ikun ċertifikat li jkun qed ibati minn paralizi ċerebrali jew minn subnormalità mentali severa jew li jkun persuna severament handikappata jew persuna għamja skond id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-Att:

Iżda, meta tithallas *Allowance* taħt dan l-artikolu dwar tifel għami, dik l-*allowance* ma tibqax tithallas iktar hekk kif pensjoni taħt l-artikolu 27 ta' dan l-Att tithallas jew tibda tithallas dwaru.”

Zieda ta' artikoli godda 99A u 99B ma' l-Att prinċipali.

10. Minnufih wara l-artikolu 99 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandhom jiżjeddu dawn l-artikoli godda 99A u 99B li ġejjin:

“Hlasijiet minflok pensjoni li jingħataw lill-irġiel miżżewġin u lil marthom meta r-raġel ikun residenti f'*hostel* ta' l-Istat għall-kura u l-*welfare* ta' l-anzjani.

99A. Meta matul xi żmien raġel miżżewweġ, li martu ma tkunx qegħda hija nnifisha tirċievi pensjoni bi dritt tagħha stess jew ma tkunx rikoverata f'istituzzjoni ta' l-Istat kif hemm imsemmi fis-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 99 ta' dan l-Att, ikun qiegħed jirċievi pensjoni, huwa ma għandux, jekk ikun residenti f'*hostel* kif imsemmi fis-subparagrafu (ii) tal-paragrafu (a) tas-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 135 ta' dan l-Att, jibqa' jirċievi dik il-pensjoni għaż-żmien kollu li matulu huwa jkun hekk residenti u minflok huwa għandu jirċievi 40% tar-rata tal-pensjoni li kieku kien jirċievi fil-każ tiegħu, u martu għandha tkun intitolata tirċievi hlas fil-ġimgha li jkun daqs il-bqija ta' 60%:

Iżda, d-dispożizzjonijiet ta' dan l-artikolu ma għandhomx japplikaw meta l-mara tkun ukoll residenti ta' *hostel* bħal dak jew meta l-mara u r-raġel kienu ġa qegħdin jgħixu mifrudin minn xulxin qabel ma r-raġel ikun daħal residenti f'dak il-*hostel* u kienu qegħdin jirċievu pensjoni separata skond id-dispożizzjonijiet ta' l-artikolu 100 ta' dan l-Att.

Persuni li jibbenefikaw minn servizzi ta' kura/ghajnuna mogħtijin fid-djar mill-Gvern.

99B. (1) Persuna li tkun qegħda tibbenefika minn servizzi ta' kura/ghajnuna mogħtijin fid-djar mill-Gvern kif inhuma msemmin fis-subparagrafu (iii) tal-paragrafu (a) tas-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 135 ta' dan l-Att u li tkun qegħda fl-istess hin tirċievi xi pensjoni, magħduda Benefiċċju għar-Romol, jew assistenza soċjali mħallsa taht dan l-Att, għandha, f'dak iż-żmien kollu li matulu dik il-persuna tkun qegħda tibbenefika minn dawk is-servizzi, jkollha l-pensjoni jew l-assistenza soċjali tagħha mnaqqsa b'Lm1 fil-ġimgha jew, fejn dawn is-servizzi jinkludu l-preparazzjoni ta' l-ikel, b'Lm1.50 fil-ġimgha; iżda hekk illi, fejn dawk is-servizzi jkunu qegħdin jingħataw lil koppja miżżewġa li tkun qegħda tgħix flimkien u li minnha persuna waħda biss tkun qegħda tirċievi pensjoni jew assistenza soċjali dik il-pensjoni jew assistenza soċjali għandha titnaqqas b'Lm1.50 fil-ġimgha jew, fejn dawk is-servizzi jinkludu l-preparazzjoni ta' l-ikel, b'Lm2.25 fil-ġimgha.

(2) Kull tnaqqis li jsir bis-saħħa tad-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subartikolu (1) ta' dan l-artikolu għandu jiġihallas lill-Kumitat dwar Ghajnuna Soċjali mwaqqaf bl-artikolu 134 ta' dan l-Att.”

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 101 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

11. Fil-paragrafu (d) tas-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 101 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minnufih wara l-kliem “fil-każ ta'” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “*Allowance* ta' Ġenitur, *Allowance* għal Tifel Handikappat, jew”.

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 102 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

12. Fis-subparagrafu (iv) tal-paragrafu (b) tas-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 102 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem “fil-każ ta' *allowances* tat-Tfal,” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “fil-każ ta' *Allowance* ta' Ġenitur, *Allowances* tat-Tfal u *Allowance* għal Tifel Handikappat,”.

13. Fil-paragrafu (a) tal-proviso li hemm għall-artikolu 109 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minflok il-kliem "jew Pensjoni għall-Handikappati," għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "Pensjoni għall-Handikappati jew *Allowance* għal Tifel Handikappat,"

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 109 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

14. Is-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 134 ta' l-Att prinċipali, għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 134 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

(a) il-kliem "b'konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru responsabbli għas-saħha pubblika" għandu jithassar; u

(b) minflok il-kliem "mid-Dipartiment tas-Servizzi Soċjali" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "mid-Dipartiment tal-*Welfare*".

15. L-artikolu 135 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 135 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

(a) minflok is-subartikolu (1) tiegħu, għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

"(1) Il-funzjonijiet tal-Kumitat ikunu:

(a) li jamministra l-fondi fdati lilu skond dan l-Att jew xort'ohra, għall-benefiċċju ta' —

(i) dawk l-*inmates* kif imsemmijin fl-artikolu 99 ta' dan l-Att u ta' dawk l-*inmates* l-ohrajn li jkunu msemmija għalhekk mill-Ministru;

(ii) residenti ta' *hostels* ta' l-Istat għall-kura u l-*welfare* ta' l-anzjani kif speċifikati mill-Ministru b'avviż fil-*Gazzetta*; u

(iii) dawk li jirċievu servizzi ta' kura/ghajnuna kif mogħtijin fid-djar mill-Gvern għall-anzjani li prinċipalment jinkludu l-bżonnijiet tagħhom ta' kuljum ta' xiri u qadi personali, frix tas-sodda, hasil tal-hwejjeġ, tinxif u mogħdija ta' hwejjeġ, attenzjoni personali limitata, bħalma huma għajnuna fit-tilbis u fil-ħasil, skond ma jkun meħtieġ fiċ-ċirkostanzi tal-każ, tindif ġenerali tad-dar, u, fejn speċifikament mitlub minn dak li jkun qiegħed jirċievi dak is-servizz, tisjir u titmiegħ;

(b) li jirċievi r-rati li jithallsu minn xi residenti ta' dak il-*hostel* għaž-żamma tiegħu hekk kif il-Ministru, bi ftehim mal-Ministru responsabbli għall-finanzi, jista' jippreskrivi fil-*Gazzetta*; u, għal dan il-għan, il-Kumitat għandu, minkejja d-dispożizzjonijiet ta' l-artikolu 104 ta' dan l-Att, jkollu l-jedd li jiġbor ir-rati msemmija qabel, jew parti minnhom, mingħand id-Direttur permezz ta' tnaqqis minn xi pensjoni, jew minn xi hlas li jkun dovut jew li jkollu jithallas lil residenti tali skond l-artikoli 99 jew 99A ta' dan l-Att, kif ikun il-każ;

(ċ) meta ebda pensjoni jew hlas bħal dak imsemmi fil-paragrafu (b) ta' dan is-subartikolu ma jkunu dovuti lil

residenti, jew meta r-rata ta' dik il-pensjoni jew hlas iehor ma tkunx biżżejjed biex tkopri l-hlasijiet dovuti lill-Kumitat bis-sahha ta' l-imsemmi paragrafu (b), li jaghmel kuntratt ma' dak ir-residenti u/jew xi parti ohra, hekk kif ikun jehtieg il-każ, ghal kull hlas li jista' jkun dovut lill-Kumitat ghaż-żamma ta' dak ir-residenti li ma jkunx jista' jingabar bil-mod indikat fl-imsemmi paragrafu (b);

(d) li jaghti parir lill-Ministru fuq kull haġa msemmija fil-paragrafi ta' qabel ta' dan is-subartikolu, u fuq kull haġa ohra li ghandha x'taqsam mal-*welfare* tal-kategoriji ta' persuni msemmija fil-paragrafu (a) ta' dan is-subartikolu kif il-Ministru jista' jirriferru.”;

(b) fis-subartikolu (3) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem “*mill-Accountant General*, mid-Direttur tas-Servizzi Soċjali u mid-Direttur tal-Verifika.” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “mid-Direttur, *mill-Accountant General*, mid-Direttur tal-Verifika u minn kull ufficjal pubbliku iehor li l-Ministru jahtar ghal dan l-ghan.”;

(c) minflok is-subartikolu (4) tiegħu, ghandu jidhol dan li ġej:

“(4) Il-Kumitat ghandu juża l-fondi kollha fdati lilu għall-kura, *welfare* u benefiċċju tal-kategoriji ta' persuni msemmija fil-paragrafu (a) tas-subartikolu (1) ta' dan l-artikolu:

Iżda —

(i) dik il-parti minn dawk il-fondi li tiġi approvata mill-Ministru tista' tintuża mill-Kumitat għall-ispejjeż tiegħu stess; u

(ii) dik il-parti minn dawk il-fondi tista', fuq direttiva tal-Ministru minn żmien għall-iehor, tintuża għal dak il-ghan jew klassi ta' ghanijiet hekk kif il-Ministru jista' jiddetermina għall-benefiċċju tal-kategoriji msemmija qabel.”.

(d) fis-subartikolu (5) tiegħu, il-kliem “b'konsultazzjoni mal-Ministru responsabbli għas-sahha pubblika,” ghandhom jithassru; u

(e) fis-subartikolu (6) tiegħu, il-kliem “u lill-Ministru responsabbli għas-sahha pubblika” ghandhom jithassru.

Emenda ta' l-Ewwel Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali.

Emenda tat-Tieni Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali.

16. Fit-test Malti tal-paragrafu 6 tal-Parti II ta' l-Ewwel Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali, il-kelma “prinċipali” ghandha tithassar.

17. It-Tieni Skeda li tinsab ma' Att prinċipali ghandha tiġi emendata kif ġej:

(a) fis-subparagrafu (a) tal-paragrafu 1 tal-Parti I tagħha, minnufih wara l-kliem “il-valur ta' kull proprjeta” ghandhom jidhlu l-kliem “(minbarra d-dar tar-residenza)”;

(b) fil-Parti II tagħha —

(i) fis-subparagrafu (a) tal-paragrafu 1, minflok il-kliem “tal-paragrafi 3 u 4 ta’ din il-Parti, il-valur ta’ kull proprjetà” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “tal-paragrafu 3 ta’ din il-Parti, il-valur ta’ kull proprjetà (minbarra d-dar tar-residenza)”;

(ii) il-paragrafu 4 tagħha għandu jithassar; u

(iii) minflok il-kliem “kull *Allowance* tat-Tfal” fis-subparagrafu (ċ) tal-paragrafu 5 tiegħu, għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “kull *Allowance* ta’ Ġenitur, *Allowance* tat-Tfal, *Allowance* għal Tifel Handikappat”;

(ċ) fil-Parti III tagħha —

(i) minnufih wara l-kliem “jitqiesu kull proprjetà” fil-paragrafu 1, għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “(minbarra d-dar tar-residenza)”;

(ii) minflok il-paragrafu 2, għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

“2. Il-mezzi li jingabru, jew li jistgħu jingabru, minn xi proprjetà, dhul jew privileġġ skond ma jidher fil-Parti I li tinsab ma’ din l-Iskeda għandhom jinhadmu bil-mod indikat fil-paragrafi 2 u 3 (bl-eskluzjoni tas-subparagrafi (a) u (d) ta’ l-imsemmija Parti I; iżda hekk illi, ma għandhomx jitqiesu kull Għajnuna Medika, *Allowance* ta’ Ġenitur, *Allowance* tat-Tfal, *Allowance* għal Tifel Handikappat jew Benefiċċju għal Maternità li jithallsu taht dan l-Att.”; u

(iii) minnufih wara l-kliem “għandha titqies xi tkun il-proprjetà” fil-paragrafu 3 tagħha, għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “(minbarra d-dar tar-residenza)”;

(d) minflok il-paragrafu 2 fil-Parti IV tagħha, għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

“2. Il-mezzi li jingabru jew li jistgħu jingabru minn kull proprjetà, dhul jew privileġġ kif imsemmijin fil-Parti II ta’ din l-Iskeda għandhom jinhadmu bil-mod imsemmi fil-paragrafi minn 2 sa 6 ta’ l-imsemmija Parti II; iżda hekk illi, minkejja d-dispożizzjonijiet tas-subparagrafu (b) tal-paragrafu 5 tagħha, għandha titqies kull għajnuna soċjali u/jew pensjoni, jekk ikun il-każ, li tkun ġa qegħda tithallas taht dan l-Att lill-istess kap ta’ familja u lil martu, jekk ikun il-każ, fiż-żmien meta ssir it-talba għal dik l-għajnuna.”.

18. Minflok il-Parti II tas-Sitt Skeda li tinsab ma’ l-Att prinċipali għandha tidhol din li ġejja:

Emenda tas-Sitt Skeda li tinsab ma’ l-Att prinċipali.

"PARTI II

**Rati ta' Pensjoni ta' l-Età, Pensjoni ghall-Handikappati,
Pensjoni ghall-Ghomja****A. Irgiel Miżżewġin**

Kategorija	Rata ta' Pensjoni fil-ġimgha	
	meta l-mara tkun tikkwalifika wkoll ghal pensjoni skond l-artikoli 27 jew 77	meta l-mara ma tkunx tikkwalifika wkoll ghal pensjoni skond l-artikoli 27 jew 77
Meta l-mezzi fis-sena tal-koppja – ma jaqbzux Lm125	Lm c m 22.80,0	Lm c m 11.40,0
jaqbzu Lm125 iżda mhux Lm225	19.50,0	9.75,0
jaqbzu Lm225 iżda mhux Lm325	16.00,0	8.00,0
jaqbzu Lm325 iżda mhux Lm425	12.20,0	6.10,0
jaqbzu Lm425 iżda mhux Lm525	8.10,0	4.05,0
jaqbzu Lm525 iżda mhux Lm625	3.70,0	1.85,0
jaqbzu Lm625	Ebda Pensjoni	Ebda pensjoni

**B. Nisa miżżewwġin li r-raġel tagħhom ma jkunx jikkwalifika
ghal pensjoni skond l-artikoli 27 jew 77**

Kategorija	Rata ta' Pensjoni fil-ġimgha
Meta l-mezzi fis-sena tal-koppja – ma jaqbzux Lm125	Lm c m 11.40,0
jaqbzu Lm125 iżda mhux Lm225	9.75,0
jaqbzu Lm225 iżda mhux Lm325	8.00,0
jaqbzu Lm325 iżda mhux Lm425	6.10,0
jaqbzu Lm425 iżda mhux Lm525	4.05,0
jaqbzu Lm525 iżda mhux Lm625	1.85,0
jaqbzu Lm625	Ebda pensjoni

C. Persuni Romol jew wahedhom

Kategorija	Rata ta' Pensjoni fil-ġimgha
Meta l-mezzi fis-sena tal-persuna – ma jaqbzux Lm75	Lm c m 14.50,0
jaqbzu Lm75 iżda mhux Lm125	12.55,0
jaqbzu Lm125 iżda mhux Lm175	10.55,0
jaqbzu Lm175 iżda mhux Lm225	8.35,0
jaqbzu Lm225 iżda mhux Lm275	5.85,0
jaqbzu Lm275 iżda mhux Lm325	2.95,0
jaqbzu Lm325	Ebda pensjoni

19. Fis-subparagrafu (ii) tal-paragrafu 1 tad-Disa' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att principali, minflok il-figuri "1.45" ghandhom jidhlu l-figuri "1.80".

Emenda ta' d-Disa' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att principali.

Għanijiet u Ragunijiet

L-Għan ta' dan l-Abbozz huwa sabiex jipprovdi għal *allowance* ta' Ġenitur, *allowance* għal Tifel Handikappat u benefiċċji oħrajn kif imhabbrin fil-Budget għall-1988; sabiex jipprovdi għal tibdil fil-funzjonijiet tal-Kumitat dwar Għajnuna Soċjali fir-rigward ta' *hostels* tal-Istat għall-kura u l-*welfare* ta' l-anzjani u ta' servizzi ta' kura/ghajnuna għall-anzjani fid-djar u hwejjeġ li għandhom x'jaqsmu magħhom u sabiex jipprovdi għall-ħlas ta' kontribuzzjonijiet tat-Tieni Klassi fuq il-baži ewlenija tal-*income* nett attwali riċevut.

**A BILL
entitled**

AN ACT further to amend the Social Security Act, 1987.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title
and
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Social Security (Amendment) Act, 1988 and shall be read and construed as one with the Social Security Act, 1987, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

(2) (a) Sections 7 and 16 of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st January, 1987;

(b) Paragraph (a) of section 2, section 3, sections 5 to 9, 11 to 13 and 17 to 20, all of this Act, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 2nd January, 1988;

(c) Section 4 of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on 4th January, 1988; and

(d) All the other sections of this Act shall come into force upon the enactment of this Act.

Amendment
of the
Arrangement
of Sections
in the
principal Act.

2. The Arrangement of Sections of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:—

(a) in Part VI thereof—

(i) immediately after the words "82 Payment of Maternity Benefit" there shall be added the following words:

"82A Parental Allowance

82B Limitation of Applicability of Parental Allowance

82C Extention of Parental Allowance to other persons other than the mother"; and

(ii) immediately after the words "83 Children's Allowance" there shall be added the following words:

"83A Handicapped Child Allowance"; and

(b) In Part VII thereof, immediately after the words "99 Inmates of old people's homes and other institutions" there shall be added the words:

"99A Payments in lieu of pension to married men and their wives where the male is a resident of a state-owned hostel for the care and welfare of the elderly.

99B Persons benefitting from home-care/home-help services provided by Government".

3. Subsection (1) of section 2 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows: Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act.

(a) in paragraph (d) of the definition of "severely handicapped person", immediately after the words "or lower limb;" there shall be added the word "or", and

(b) immediately after paragraph (d) of the definition of "severely handicapped person", there shall be added the following new paragraph:

"(e) haemophilia."

4. Subsection (3) of section 10 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows: Amendment of section 10 of the principal Act.

(a) immediately after the words "December of each year:" there shall be added the words "except where the self-employed person concerned had, up to the 3rd January, 1988 elected to pay a higher rate of contribution than that which would otherwise have been payable by him as aforesaid; so however that, such election shall, nonetheless, cease to have effect from the 4th January, 1988."; and

(b) the proviso thereto shall be deleted.

5. In sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subsections (1) and (2) of section 27 of the principal Act, for the words "Lm425" and "Lm225", there shall be substituted in each case the words "Lm625" and "Lm325", respectively. Amendment of section 27 of the principal Act.

Amendment of section 50 of the principal Act.

6. Immediately after subsection (1) of section 50 of the principal Act, there shall be added the following new provisos:

“Provided that, with effect from the 1st January, 1989, a widow entitled to a Supplementary Pension under and in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall not forfeit her right to such pension on the ground that she would then have reached her 60th birthday:

Provided further that—

(i) for the period between the 2nd January, 1988 and the 31st December, 1988 a widow who at any time is or was in receipt of a Supplementary Pension and who forfeits or has forfeited her Supplementary Pension on the ground that she has reached her 60th birthday, shall, in addition to any other pension to which she may then be entitled during the aforementioned period under the provisions of sections 34 to 36 of this Act, receive a grant of Lm2, or part thereof, per week; so however that, such grant shall not exceed the Supplementary Pension so forfeited; and

(ii) with effect from the 1st January, 1989, any widow as is referred to in paragraph (i) of this proviso shall forfeit her right to receive a pension under sections 34 to 36 of this Act and to the grant referred to in paragraph (i) of this proviso but shall receive instead a Widow's Pension or a Widow's Benefit, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, together with a Supplementary Pension at the rate of Lm7.63 per week in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section and of section 51 of this Act.”

Amendment of section 55 of the principal Act.

7. In the Maltese text of paragraph (b) of section 55 of the principal Act, for the words “qabel il-mewt ta' żewġha” there shall be substituted the words “matul il-perijodu taż-żwieġ tagħha.”

Addition of new sections 82A to 82C to the principal Act.

8. Immediately after section 82 of the principal Act, there shall be added the following new sections:

“Parental Allowance. 82A. (1) A female who proves to the satisfaction of the Director that—

(i) she is taking care of her child who is under 11 years of age;

(ii) she is not following any gainful occupation; and

(iii) her total gross income, together with that of her husband, if any, (excluding any allowance or benefit payable under sections 81, 83, 83A and 84 of this Act) is unlikely to exceed Lm2,400 during the calendar year within which a claim for a Parental Allowance under this section is made or is paid,

shall be entitled to a Parental Allowance at the rate of Lm2 per week in accordance with the provisions of section 82B and 82C of this Act:

Provided that, a Parental allowance payable under this Act shall not be taken into account in calculating the total annual gross income referred to in paragraph (iii) of this section.

(2) For the purposes of this section—

“child” includes a child whose parents are unknown or who has been abandoned by his parents, provided such child is not institutionalised;

“husband” includes a man who, in the opinion of the Director, is living with a female as if he were her lawful wedded husband;

“total gross income” means all income received or receivable, whether earned or unearned, prior to any deductions made by way of income tax under the Income Tax Act, 1948, or by way of contributions under this Act, but does not include any expenses incurred in generating that income.

Limitation
of applica-
bility of
Parental
Allowance.

82B. (1) A Parental Allowance payable under section 82A of this Act shall not be granted unless the female concerned—

(a) is a citizen of Malta or the father of the child is a citizen of Malta, or if dead, was a citizen of Malta at the time of his death;

(b) is ordinarily residing in Malta; and

(c) is in receipt of an allowance payable under section 83 of this Act in respect of the same child or would have been in receipt of such allowance had it not been for the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 86 of this Act:

Provided that, where such female is—

(i) separated from or abandoned by her lawful-wedded husband, or

(ii) widowed, or

(iii) unmarried but nonetheless a mother at the same time,

she shall be entitled to a Parental Allowance under and in accordance with the other provisions of this section and of section 82A of this

Act, notwithstanding the fact that she is not in receipt of an allowance under section 83 of this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, a Parental Allowance shall not be payable—

(a) outside Malta; or

(b) during any period in which the child referred to in section 82A of this Act is not living in Malta, unless the Director is satisfied that the child is absent from Malta in connection with his medical treatment or the child is on holiday abroad for a period not exceeding three months; or

(c) if the female concerned no longer has the care and effective custody of the child referred to in section 82A of this Act; or

(d) if the female concerned becomes gainfully occupied; or

(e) when the child reaches the age of 11 years.

Extention of Parental Allowance to other persons other than the mother.

82C. Where in any household a female who is receiving an allowance in respect of a child under section 82A of this Act, dies or no longer takes care of the child following legal or 'de facto' separation from her husband any other person in that household who proves to the satisfaction of the Director that—

(a) he has the effective care and effective custody of the child, and

(b) is not gainfully occupied,

shall be entitled to the Parental Allowance as is payable under and in accordance with the provisions of this Act in lieu of such female.”.

Addition of new section 83A to the principal Act.

9. Immediately after section 83 of the principal Act there shall be added the following new section:

“Handicapped Child Allowance

83A. Subject to the provisions of this Act, a child in any household, in respect of whom an allowance under section 83 of this Act is being paid, shall also become eligible to a Handicapped Child Allowance at the rate of Lm3 per week if that child is certified to be suffering from cerebral palsy or from a mental severe subnormality or to be a severely handicapped person or a blind person in accordance with the provisions of this Act:

Provided that, where an allowance under this section is payable in respect of a blind child, that allowance shall cease to be payable as soon as a pension under section 27 of this Act is or becomes payable in his respect.”.

10. Immediately after section 99 of the principal Act there shall be added the following new sections 99A and 99B:

Addition of new sections 99A and 99B to the principal Act.

“Payments in lieu of pension to married men and their wives where the male is a resident of a state-owned hostel for the care and welfare of the elderly.

99A. Where during any period a married man, whose wife is not herself in receipt of a pension in her own right or is not an inmate of a state-owned institution as is referred to in subsection (1) of section 99 of this Act, is in receipt of a pension, he shall, if he is a resident of a hostel as is described in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 135 of this Act, cease to receive such a pension for the whole period during which he is such a resident and he shall receive instead 40% of the rate of pension which would otherwise have been applicable in his case, and his wife shall be entitled to receive a weekly payment equivalent to the remaining 60%:

Provided that, the provisions of this section shall not apply where the wife is also a resident of such a hostel or where the wife and husband were already living apart from one another prior to his becoming a resident of such a hostel and were receiving a separate pension in accordance with the provisions of section 100 of this Act.

Persons benefitting from home-care/home-help services provided by Government.

99B. (1) A person who is benefitting from home-care/home-help services provided by Government as are described in sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 135 of this Act and who is at the same time receiving any pension, including a Widow's Benefit, or social assistance payable under this Act, shall, during the whole period within which such person is benefitting from such services, have his pension or social assistance abated by Lm1 per week or, where such services include the preparation of meals, by Lm1.50 per week; so however that, where such services are being rendered to a married couple who are living together and of whom only one is in receipt of a pension or social assistance that pension or assistance shall be abated by Lm1.50 per week or, where such services include the preparation of meals, by Lm2.25 per week.

(2) Any abatement made by virtue of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall be paid to the Welfare Committee established by section 134 of this Act.”.

11. In paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 101 of the principal Act, immediately after the words “in the case of” there shall be inserted the words “a Parental Allowance, a Handicapped Child Allowance, or”.

Amendment of section 101 of the principal Act.

Amendment of section 102 of the principal Act.

12. In sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 102 of the principal Act, for the words "in the case of Children's Allowances," there shall be substituted the words "in the case of a Parental Allowance, Children's Allowances and a Handicapped Child Allowance,".

Amendment of section 109 of the principal Act.

13. In paragraph (a) of the proviso to section 109 of the principal Act, for the words "or a Handicapped Pension", there shall be substituted the words "a Handicapped Pension or a Handicapped Child Allowance,".

Amendment of section 134 of the principal Act.

14. Subsection (1) of section 134 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) the words "in consultation with the Minister responsible for public health" shall be deleted; and

(b) for the words "Department of Social Services" there shall be substituted the words "Department of Welfare".

Amendment of section 135 of the principal Act.

15. Section 135 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) for subsection (1) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:

"(1) The functions of the Committee shall be:

(a) to administer the funds entrusted to it in terms of this Act or otherwise, for the benefit of—

(i) such inmates as are referred to in section 99 of this Act and of such other inmates as are designated for the purpose by the Minister;

(ii) residents of state-owned hostels for the care and welfare of the elderly as are specified by the Minister by notice in the Gazette; and

(iii) recipients of home-care/home-help services that are provided by Government for the elderly comprising mainly their daily shopping needs and personal errands, bed-making, laundering, drying and ironing of clothes, limited personal attention, such as dressing-up and washing, as may be required in the circumstances of the case, general household cleaning, and, where specifically requested by the recipient of such service, cooking and feeding;

(b) to receive the rates that are payable by any resident of such a hostel for his upkeep as the Minister, with the concurrence of the Minister responsible for finance, may prescribe in the Gazette; and, for this

purpose, the Committee shall, notwithstanding the provisions of section 104 of this Act, have the right to retrieve the aforesaid rates, or part thereof, from the Director by way of deductions from any pension, or any payment due or payable to such a resident in terms of sections 99 or 99A of this Act, as the case may be;

(c) where no pension or payment as is referred to in paragraph (b) of this subsection is due to a resident, or where the rate of such pension or other payment is not enough to cover the payments due to the Committee by virtue of the said paragraph (b), to enter into a contract with such resident and/or any other party, as the case may require, for any payment that may be due to the Committee for the upkeep of that resident which cannot be relieved in the manner described in the said paragraph (b);

(d) to advise the Minister on any matter referred to in the foregoing paragraphs of this subsection, and on any other matter concerning the welfare of the categories of persons referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection as the Minister may refer to it.”;

(b) in subsection (3) thereof, for the words “the Accountant General, the Director of Social Services and the Director of Audit.” there shall be substituted the words “the Director, the Accountant General, the Director of Audit and any other public officer whom the Minister appoints for this purpose.”;

(c) for subsection (4) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:

“(4) The Committee shall utilize all funds entrusted to it for the care, welfare and benefit of the categories of persons referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section:

Provided that —

(i) such part of such funds as may be approved by the Minister may be utilized by the Committee for its own expenses; and

(ii) such part of such funds as may be directed by the Minister from time to time may be utilized for such purpose or class of purposes as the Minister may, for the benefit of the aforesaid categories, determine.”;

(d) in subsection (5) thereof, the words “in consultation with the Minister responsible for public health,” shall be deleted; and

(e) in subsection (6) thereof, the words “and to the Minister responsible for public health” shall be deleted.

Amendment of the First Schedule to the principal Act.

16. In the Maltese text of paragraph 6 of Part II of the First Schedule to the principal Act, the word "principali" shall be deleted.

Amendment of the Second Schedule to the principal Act.

17. The Second Schedule to the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 1 of Part I thereof, immediately after the words "the value of any property" there shall be inserted the words "(excluding the house of residence)";

(b) in Part II thereof —

(i) in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 1, for the words "paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Part, the value of any property" there shall be substituted the words "paragraph 3 of this Part, the value of any property (excluding the house of residence)";

(ii) paragraph 4 thereof shall be deleted; and

(iii) for the words "any Children's Allowance" in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 5 thereof, there shall be substituted the words "any Parental Allowance, Children's Allowance, Handicapped Child Allowance";

(c) In Part III thereof —

(i) immediately after the words "of any property" in paragraph 1, there shall be inserted the words "(excluding the house of residence)";

(ii) for paragraph 2, there shall be substituted the following:

"2. The means accruing, or which could accrue, from any property, income or privilege as is described under Part I of this Schedule shall be calculated in the manner laid down in paragraphs 2 and 3 (with the exclusion of sub-paragraphs (a) and (d) of the said Part I; so however that, no account shall be taken of any Medical Assistance, Parental Allowance, Children's Allowance, Handicapped Child Allowance or Maternity Benefit payable under this Act."; and

(iii) immediately after the words "account shall be taken of the property" in paragraph 3 thereof, there shall be inserted the words "(excluding the house of residence)"; and

(d) for paragraph 2 in Part IV thereof, there shall be substituted the following:—

"2. The means accruing or which accrue from any property, income or privilege as is described under Part II of this Schedule shall be calculated in the manner laid down in paragraphs 2 to 6 of the said Part II; so however that, notwith-

standing the provisions of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 5 thereof, account shall be taken of any social assistance and/or pension, if any, already being paid under this Act to the same head of household and his wife, if any, at the time when the claim for such assistance is made.”.

18. For Part II of the Sixth Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

Amendment of the Sixth Schedule to the principal Act.

“PART II

Rate of Age Pension, Handicapped Pension, Blindness Pension

A. Married Men

Category	Rate of Pension per week	
	where the wife also qualifies for a pension under sections 27 or 77	where the wife does not qualify for a pension under sections 27 or 77
where the yearly means of the couple –	Lm c m	Lm c m
do not exceed Lm125	22.80,0	11.40,0
exceed Lm125 but do not exceed Lm225	19.50,0	9.75,0
exceed Lm225 but do not exceed Lm325	16.00,0	8.00,0
exceed Lm325 but do not exceed Lm425	12.20,0	6.10,0
exceed Lm425 but do not exceed Lm525	8.10,0	4.05,0
exceed Lm525 but do not exceed Lm625	3.70,0	1.85,0
exceed Lm625	No pension	No pension

B. Married women whose husband does not qualify for a pension in his own right under sections 27 and 77

Category	Rate of Pension per week
where the yearly means of the couple –	Lm c m
do not exceed Lm125	11.40,0
exceed Lm125 but do not exceed Lm225	9.75,0
exceed Lm225 but do not exceed Lm325	8.00,0
exceed Lm325 but do not exceed Lm425	6.10,0
exceed Lm425 but do not exceed Lm525	4.05,0
exceed Lm525 but do not exceed Lm625	1.85,0
exceed Lm625	No pension

C. Widowed or Single Persons

Category	Rate of Pension per week
where the yearly means of the person –	Lm c m
do not exceed Lm75	14.50,0
exceed Lm75 but do not exceed Lm125	12.55,0
exceed Lm125 but do not exceed Lm175	10.55,0
exceed Lm175 but do not exceed Lm225	8.35,0
exceed Lm225 but do not exceed Lm275	5.85,0
exceed Lm275 but do not exceed Lm325	2.95,0
exceed Lm325	No pension

19. In sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph 1 of the Ninth Schedule to the principal Act, for the figures "1.45" there shall be substituted the figures "1.80".

Objects and Reasons

The Object of this Bill is to provide for a Parental Allowance, a Handicapped Child Allowance and other benefits as announced in the Budget for 1988; to provide for changes in the functions of the Welfare Committee in connection with state-owned hostels for the care and welfare of the elderly and home-care/home-help services for the elderly and matters ancillary thereto and to provide for the payment of Class Two contributions strictly on the basis of the actual net income received.