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### **MALTA**

#### **KAMRA TAD-DEPUTATI**

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ABBOZZ ta' Ligi mressaq mill-Onorevoli Agatha Barbara, M.P., Ministru tax-Xogħol, Għajnuna Soċjali u Kultura, u moqri għall-Ewwel darba fis-Seduta ta' l-14 ta' Frar, 1977.

**ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar is-Sigurtà Nazzjonali.**

C. MIFSUD

*Skrivan tal-Kamra tad-Deputati*

#### **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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A BILL introduced by the Honourable Agatha Barbara, M.P., Minister of Labour, Welfare and Culture, and read the First time at the Sitting of the 14th February, 1977.

**AN ACT further to amend the National Insurance Act, 1956.**

C. MIFSUD

*Clerk to the House of Representatives*

## ABBOZZ TA' LIĠI

### msejjah

*ATT biex ikompli jemenda l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar is-Sigurtà Nazzjonali.*

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

Titolu fil-qosor  
u bidu fis-seħħ.

1. (1) Dan l-Att jista' jissejjaħ l-Att ta' l-1977 li jemenda l-Att dwar is-Sigurtà Nazzjonali, u għandu jinqara u jiftiehem ħaġa waħda ma' l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar is-Sigurtà Nazzjonali, hawnhekk iżjed 'il quddiem imsejjah "l-Att prinċipali".

(2) Dan l-Att għandu jibda jseħħ fis-7 ta' Marzu, 1977.

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

2. L-artikolu 2 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) minnufih wara t-tifsira ta' "impieg eċċettwat" għandha tidhol it-tifsira ġdida li ġejja:

"età assigurabbli" tfisser l-età ta' dsatax-il sena jew, wara t-3 ta' April, 1977, l-età ta' tmintax-il sena";

(b) minflok il-kliem "ta' aktar minn dsatax-il sena u taħt l-età tal-pensjoni" fit-tifsira ta' "persuna mhux impjegata" għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "ta' età assigurabbli u taħt l-età tal-pensjoni";

(ċ) fit-tifsira ta' "persuna li timpjega lilha nnifisha" minflok il-kliem "fuq l-età ta' dsatax-il sena" kull fejn jinsabu fil-paragrafi (a) u (b) tagħha għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "fuq l-età assigurabbli", u

(d) minflok il-kliem "id-dsatax-il sena" u "tad-dsatax l-anniversarju" fil-paragrafu (ċ) tas-subartikolu (3) tiegħu għandhom jidhlu l-kliem "it-tmintax-il sena" u "it-tmintax l-anniversarju" rispettivament.

3. L-artikolu 12 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 12 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

(a) fis-subartikolu (i) tiegħu, minflok il-kliem "bejn id-satax-il sena u l-età ta' pensjoni" għandhom jidhru l-kliem "bejn l-età assigurabbli u l-età ta' pensjoni";

(b) minnufih wara s-subartikolu (1) tiegħu għandu jizdied il-proviso li ġej:

"Izda l-persuna assigurata ma tiegħu ebda wieħed mill-benefiċċji għall-ewwel tlett ijiem ta' kull darba ta' inkapaċità għax-xogħol jew ta' disimpieg.", u

(ċ) minflok is-sub-paragrafu (ii) tal-paragrafu (a) tas-sub-artikolu (4) tiegħu għandu jidhrol dan li ġej:

"(ii) il-qliegħ minn dak ix-xogħol għal dik il-ġurnata ma jkunx iżjed minn £1.00,0 dwar persuna ta' l-età assigurabbli u 40c fil-każ ta' persuna taħt l-età assigurabbli, jew meta l-qliegħ isir għal xi perijodu itwal minn ġurnata, il-qliegħ ma jkunx iżjed minn dawn l-ammonti rispettivi meħud minn ġurnata għal oħra."

4. Minnufih wara s-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 13 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jizdied il-proviso li ġej:

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 13 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

"Izda persuna li tkun skwalifikata li tirċievi benefiċċji skond l-artikoli 14 u 15 ta' dan l-Att ikollha d-dritt tagħha għall-benefiċċju mnaqqas bin-numru ta' granet ta' skwalifika."

5. Minflok il-paragrafu (e) ta' l-artikolu 14 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jidhrol dan li ġej:

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 14 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

"(e) tkun għamlet xogħol li għalih kien jithallas, jew kien ordinarjament jithallas, kumpens, flief jekk kien xogħol magħmul taħt sorveljanza medika bħala parti mill-kura tagħha waqt li kienet pazjenta fi sptar jew ta' sptar jew istitut ieħor bħal dan, u l-qliegħ tagħha dwar dak ix-xogħol ma kienx iżjed minn £1.00,0 fil-każ ta' persuna ta' età assigurabbli jew 40c fil-każ ta' persuna taħt l-età assigurabbli;"

6. Minnufih wara l-paragrafu (a) tas-subartikolu (1) ta' l-artikolu 19 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jizdied il-proviso li ġej:

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 19 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

"Izda persuna li tkun skwalifikata li tirċievi benefiċċju għal korriment skond l-artikolu 26 ta' dan l-Att ikollha d-dritt għall-benefiċċju tagħha mnaqqas bin-numru ta' granet ta' skwalifika."

7. Minnufih wara l-artikolu 23 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jizdied il-proviso li ġej:

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 23 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

"Izda ma jkollhiex hekk dritt għall-benefiċċju għal korriment għall-ewwel tlett ijiem ta' kull darba ta' inkapaċità għax-xogħol."

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 34 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

8. Minnufih wara s-subartikolu (2) ta' l-artikolu 34 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiddied is-subartikolu ġdid li ġej:

“(3) Meta talba għal benefiċċju skond dan l-Att għandu jkollha magħha ċertifikat mediku, ebda ċertifikat bhal dak ma jkun aċċettat bħala validu jekk ikun iffirmit minn tabib li jkun ukoll membru tal-Kamra tad-Deputati.”.

Sostituzzjoni ta' l-artikolu 72 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

9. Minflok l-artikolu 72 ta' l-Att prinċipali għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

“72. Ir-rata ta' l-allowance tkun —

(a) dwar l-ewwel tifel eliġibbli — mija u għaxar ċenteżmi fil-ġimgħa; u

(b) dwar it-tieni tifel eliġibbli — disgħin ċenteżmu fil-ġimgħa; u

(ċ) dwar it-tielet tifel eliġibbli — hamsin ċenteżmu fil-ġimgħa.”.

Emenda ta' l-artikolu 80 ta' l-Att prinċipali.

10. Fl-artikolu 80 ta' l-Att prinċipali, minnufih qabel il-kliem “ta' l-artikoli mill-41” għandhom jidhlu l-kliem “ta' l-artikolu 38”.

Sostituzzjoni ta' Tieni Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali.

11. Minflok it-Tieni Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għandha tidhol din li ġejja:

#### “IT-TIENI SKEDA

#### Rati ta' Kontribuzzjonijiet fil-Ġimgħa

#### PARTI I

#### Kontribuzzjonijiet ta' l-Ewwel Klassi

Klassi ta' Persuni Impjegati	Rata fil-ġimgħa ta' kontribuzzjoni li għandha tithallas mill-persuna mpjegata, mill-prinċipal tagħha, u mill-Fond Konsolidat
Persuni ta' età assigurabbli jew fuqha	£1.14,0
Subien u bniet fuq l-età ta' 14-il sena u taht l-età assigurabbli ... ..	26c0

## PARTI II

*Kontribuzzjonijiet tat-Tieni u tat-Tielet Klassi*

Klassi ta' Persuni Assigurati	Rata fil-ġimgha ta' Kontribuzzjoni tat-Tieni Klassi	Rata fil-ġimgha ta' Kontribuzzjoni tat-Tielet Klassi
Persuni ta' l-età assigurabbli jew fuqha ... ..	£2.26,0	£1.00,0

## PARTI III

*Kontribuzzjonijiet Volontarji*

Klassi ta' persuni li jkollhom ċertifikat ta' Sigurtà Volontarja	Rata fil-ġimgha ta' kontribuzzjoni li għandha tiġi minn persuna assigurata li jkollha ċertifikat ta' Sigurtà Volontarja
Persuni ta' l-età assigurabbli jew fuqha Subien u Bniet taht l-età assigurabbli	£1.00,0 18c0''.

12. Minflok it-Tielet Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għand-hu jidhol dan li ġej:

Sostituzzjoni  
tat-Tielet Skeda  
li tinsab ma'  
l-Att prinċipali.

## "IT-TIELET SKEDA

**Ammont jew Rata ta' Benefiċċju**

## PARTI I

*Rata ta' Benefiċċju*

Xorta ta' Benefiċċju	Rata fil-ġimgha
	£ c m
(a) benefiċċju għal mard — persuni fuq l-età assigurabbli ... ..	7 00 0
(b) benefiċċju għal disimpieg — persuni fuq l-età assigurabbli ... ..	7 00 0
(c) pensjonj ta' armla ... ..	7 00 0
(d) allowance speċjali ta' armla ... ..	2 58 0
(e) pensjoni għal invalidità ... ..	7 00 0
(f) pensjoni għal min jirtira ... ..	7 00 0
(g) allowance għal tutur ... ..	1 73 0
(h) benefiċċju għal korriment — persuni fuq l-età assigurabbli ... ..	9 00 0
persuni taht l-età assigurabbli ... ..	3 63 0

Xorta ta' Benefiċċju	Rata fil-gimgha
(i) benefiċċju għal mewt —	
(i) benefiċċju ta' armla ... ..	8 15 0
(ii) benefiċċju ta' armel ... ..	8 15 0
(iii) allowance ta' armla ... ..	3 06 0
(iv) allowance ta' ltiema ... ..	2 71 0
(v) allowance tal-ġenituri ... ..	7 00 0

## PARTI II

*Ammont ta' Benefiċċju*

Xorta ta' Benefiċċju	Ammont
	£ c m
<i>Bonus</i> għal żwieġ ... ..	56 00 0

## PARTI III

*Ammonti ta' Gratifikazzjoni għal Inkapaċità*

Grad ta' Inkapaċità	Ammont ta' Gratifikazzjoni
%	£ c m
1	26 70 0
2	53 40 0
3	80 10 0
4	106 80 0
5	133 50 0
6	160 20 0
7	186 90 0
8	213 60 0
9	240 30 0
10	267 00 0
11	293 70 0
12	320 40 0
13	347 10 0
14	373 80 0
15	400 50 0
16	427 20 0
17	453 90 0
18	480 60 0
19	507 30 0

## PARTI IV

*Rati ta' Pensjoni għal Inkapaċità*

Grad ta' Inkapaċità	RATI FIL-ĠIMGHA	
	Persuni taht l-età assigurabbli	Persuni fuq l-età assigurabbli
%	£ c m	£ c m
100	3 50 0	7 00 0
90	3 25 0	6 50 0
80	2 90 0	5 80 0
70	2 58 0	5 16 0
60	2 20 0	4 40 0
50	1 97 0	3 94 0
40	1 58 0	3 16 0
30	1 24 0	2 48 0
20	0 88 0	1 76 0

## PARTI V

*Zieda ta' Benefiċċju*

Zieda ta' mara miżżewġa tar-rata fil-ġimgha ta' —	£ c m
(a) benefiċċju għal mard ... ..	4 50 0
(b) benefiċċju għal disimpieg ... ..	4 50 0
(ċ) pensjoni għal invalidità ... ..	4 50 0
(d) pensjoni għal min jirtira ... ..	4 50 0
(e) benefiċċju għal korriment ... ..	4 50 0
(f) pensjoni għal inkapaċità ... ..	4 50 0
(g) <i>allowance</i> għal ġenituri ... ..	4 50 0
Zieda għal iben bir-rata fil-ġimgha ta' —	
(a) pensjoni ta' armla ... ..	0 85 0
(b) benefiċċju ta' armla ... ..	0 85 0
(ċ) benefiċċju ta' armel ... ..	0 85 0''.

Emenda tal-paragrafu 3 tar-Raba' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali.

13. Il-paragrafu (3) tar-Raba' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) il-partita (i) tas-sub-paragrafu (b) tiegħu għandha tiġi numerata mill-ġdid bħala partita (i)(a);

(b) minflok il-kelma "u" fit-tarf tal-partita (i)(a) ta' l-im-semmi sub-paragrafu għandha tidhol il-kelma "jew"; u

(ċ) minnufih wara l-partita (i)(a) ta' l-im-semmi sub-paragrafu għandha tiżdied il-partita ġdida li ġejja:

"(i)(b) dwar kull persuna li twieldet fl-4, jew wara l-4 ta' April, 1958, li jibda mill-ewwel ġurnata tas-sena ta' kontribuzzjoni tagħha li fiha jaħbat it-3 ta' April, 1977, jew fl-ewwel sena ta' kontribuzzjoni tagħha li fiha tilhaq l-età ta' tmintax-il sena, liema minnhom jiġri l-aħħar; u".

Emenda tal-paragrafu 4 tar-Raba' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali.

14. Il-paragrafu 4 tar-Raba' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) il-partita (i) tas-sub-paragrafu (b) tiegħu għandha tiġi numerata mill-ġdid bħala partita (i)(a);

(b) minflok il-kelma "u" fit-tarf tal-partita (i)(a) ta' l-im-semmi sub-paragrafu għandha tidhol il-kelma "jew"; u

(ċ) minnufih wara l-partita (i) (a) ta' l-im-semmi sub-paragrafu għandha tiżdied il-partita ġdida li ġejja:

"(i)(b) dwar kull persuna li twieldet fl-4 jew wara l-4 ta' April, 1958, li jibda mill-ewwel ġurnata tas-sena ta' kontribuzzjoni tagħha li fiha jaħbat it-3 ta' April, 1977, jew fl-ewwel sena ta' kontribuzzjoni tagħha li fiha tilhaq l-età ta' tmintax-il sena, liema minnhom jiġri l-aħħar; u".

Emenda tal-paragrafu 5 tar-Raba' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali.

15. Il-paragrafu 5 tar-Raba' Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għandu jiġi emendat kif ġej:

(a) il-partita (i) tas-sub-paragrafu (b) tiegħu għandha tiġi numerata mill-ġdid bħala partita (i) (a);

(b) minflok il-kelma "u" fit-tarf tal-partita (i) (a) ta' l-im-semmi sub-paragrafu għandha tidhol il-kelma "jew"; u

(ċ) minnufih wara l-partita (i) (a) ta' l-im-semmi sub-paragrafu għandha tiżdied il-partita ġdida li ġejja:

"(i)(b) dwar kull persuna li twieldet fl-4 jew wara l-4 ta' April, 1958, li jibda mill-ewwel ġurnata tas-sena ta' kontribuzzjoni tagħha li fiha jaħbat it-3 ta' April, 1977, jew fl-ewwel sena ta' kontribuzzjoni tagħha li fiha tilhaq l-età ta' tmintax-il sena, liema minnhom jiġri l-aħħar; u".

Sostituzzjoni tal-Ħames Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali

16. Minflok il-Ħames Skeda li tinsab ma' l-Att prinċipali għandu jidhol dan li ġej:

## "IL-HAMES SKEDA

## Ammonti jew Rati ta' Benefiċċju Mnaqqsa

## PARTI I

## Ammonti Mnaqqsa tal-'Bonus' għal Żwieġ

	AMMONTI MNAQQSA							
	Numru ta' kontribuzzjonijiet imħallsa minn mara assigurata							
Xorta ta' Benefiċċju	Ammont Shiħ	249 —225	224 —200	199 —175	174 —150	149 —125	124 —100	99 —75
Bonus għal Żwieġ		£56.00	£49.50	£44	£39.50	£32.50	£28	£23.50
				£16.50				

## PARTI II

## Rati Mnaqqsa ta' Benefiċċji Ohra

Xorta ta' Benefiċċju	Rata Shiħa	RATI MNAQQSA		
		Numru ta' kontribuzzjonijiet imħallsa jew akkreditati fis-sena ta' kontribuzzjoni relattiva jew imħallsa jew akkreditati minn sena għal sena		
		40—49	30—39	20—29
	£ c m	£ c m	£ c m	£ c m
Benefiċċju għal mard	7.00,0	6.30,0	4.80,0	3.48,0
Benefiċċju għal disimpieg	7.00,0	6.30,0	4.80,0	3.48,0
Pensjoni ta' armla	7.00,0	6.30,0	4.80,0	3.48,0
Pensjoni għal invalidità	7.00,0	6.30,0	4.80,0	3.48,0
Pensjoni għal min jirtira	7.00,0	6.30,0	4.80,0	3.48,0
Zieda ta' benefiċċju għal mara miż-żewġa —				
Benefiċċju għal mard	4.50,0	4.20,0	3.12,0	2.34,0
Benefiċċju għal disimpieg	4.50,0	4.20,0	3.12,0	2.34,0
Pensjoni għal invalidità	4.50,0	4.20,0	3.12,0	2.34,0
Pensjoni għal min jirtira	4.50,0	4.20,0	3.12,0	2.34,0"

### Ghanijiet u Raġunijiet

L-Għan ta' dan l-Abbozz huwa li jemenda l-Att ta' l-1956 dwar is-Sigurtà Naz-  
zjonali, sabiex:

- (i) iżid ir-rati tal-benefiċċju u tal-kontribuzzjonijiet;
- (ii) mill-4 ta' April, 1977, jeħtieġ li persuni li jimpjegaw lilhom infushom u persuni mhux impjegati jhallsu l-kontribuzzjonijiet mill-età ta' 18-il sena u persuni mpjegati jhallsu l-kontribuzzjoni bir-rata ta' l-adulti minn dik l-età;
- (iii) mill-istess data, persuni assigurati jkunu jistgħu jirċievu benefiċċju għal mard, korriment u disimpieg mill-età ta' 18-il sena;
- (iv) idañhal "żmien ta' stennija" ta' tlitt ijiem qabel ma jibda l-ħlas tal-benefiċċju għal mard, disimpieg u korriment;
- (v) inaqqas in-numru ta' jiem tad-dritt għal benefiċċji għal mard, korri-  
ment u disimpieg bin-numru ta' jiem ta' skwalifika li jistgħu jiġu mposti skond id-disposizzjonijiet prezenti ta' dan l-Att.

**A BILL**  
**entitled**

*AN ACT further to amend the National Insurance Act, 1956.*

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:—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the National Insurance (Amendment) Act, 1977, and shall be read and construed as one with the National Insurance Act, 1956, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act". Short title and commencement.

(2) This Act shall come into force on the 7th day of March, 1977.

2. Section 2 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows: Amendment of section 2 of the principal Act.

(a) immediately after the definition of "excepted employment" there shall be inserted the following definition:

"insurable age" means the age of nineteen years or, after the 3rd day of April, 1977, the age of eighteen years;"

(b) for the words "over the age of nineteen years and under pension age" in the definition of "non-employed person" there shall be substituted the words "of insurable age and under pension age";

(c) in the definition of "self-employed person", for the words "over the age of nineteen years" wherever they occur in paragraphs (a) and (b) thereof there shall be substituted in each case the words "over insurable age", and

(d) for the words "nineteen years" and "nineteenth anniversary" in paragraph (c) of subsection (3) thereof there shall be substituted the words "eighteen years" and "eighteenth anniversary" respectively.

Amendment of  
section 12 of  
the principal Act.

3. Section 12 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in subsection (1) thereof, for the words "is between the age of nineteen and pension age" there shall be substituted the words "is between insurable age and pension age";

(b) immediately after subsection (1) thereof there shall be added the following proviso:

"Provided that the insured person shall not be entitled to either benefit for the first three days of each spell of incapacity for work or of unemployment.", and

(c) for sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subsection (4) thereof there shall be substituted the following:

"(ii) the earnings derived therefrom in respect of that day do not exceed £1.00,0 in respect of a person of insurable age and 40c in the case of a person under insurable age, or where the earnings are earned in respect of a period longer than a day, the earnings do not on a daily average exceed those amounts respectively."

Amendment of  
section 13 of  
the principal Act.

4. Immediately after subsection (2) of section 13 of the principal Act there shall be added the following proviso:

"Provided that a person who is disqualified for receiving benefit in accordance with sections 14 and 15 of this Act shall have his entitlement to benefit reduced by the number of days of disqualification."

Amendment of  
section 14 of  
the principal Act.

5. For paragraph (e) of section 14 of the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

"(e) he has done work for which remuneration was or would have ordinarily been payable unless it was work which was undertaken under medical supervision as part of his treatment while he was a patient in or of a hospital or other similar institution, and his earnings in respect of that work did not exceed £1.00,0 in the case of a person of insurable age or 40c in the case of a person under insurable age."

Amendment of  
section 19 of  
the principal Act.

6. Immediately after paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 19 of the principal Act there shall be added the following proviso:

"Provided that a person who is disqualified from receiving injury benefit in accordance with section 26 of this Act shall have his entitlement to benefit reduced by the number of days of disqualification."

Amendment of  
section 23 of  
the principal Act.

7. Immediately after section 23 of the principal Act there shall be added the following proviso:

"Provided that he shall not be so entitled to injury benefit for the first three days of every spell of incapacity for work."

Amendment of  
section 34 of  
the principal Act.

8. Immediately after subsection (2) of section 34 of the principal Act there shall be added the following new subsection:

"(3) Where a claim for benefit under this Act is to be accompanied by a medical certificate, no such certificate shall be accepted as valid if it is signed by a medical practitioner who is also a member of the House of Representatives."

9. For section 72 of the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

Substitution of section 72 of the principal Act

"72. The rate of the allowance shall be:

(a) in respect of the first eligible child — one hundred and ten cents per week; and

(b) in respect of the second eligible child — ninety cents per week; and

(c) in respect of the third eligible child — fifty cents per week."

10. In section 80 of the principal Act, immediately before the words "section 41" there shall be inserted the words "section 38".

Amendment of section 80 of the principal Act.

11. For the Second Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

Substitution of Second Schedule to the principal Act.

## "SECOND SCHEDULE

### Weekly Rates of Contributions

#### PART I

#### *Class One Contributions*

Class of Employed Persons	Weekly rate of contribution payable by the employed person, by his employer, and out of the Consolidated Fund
Persons of insurable age or over ...	£1.14,0
Boys and Girls over the age of 14 but under insurable age ... ..	26c0

#### PART II

#### *Class Two and Class Three Contributions*

Class of Insured Persons	Weekly Rate of Class Two Contribution	Weekly Rate of Class Three Contribution
Persons of insurable age or over	£2.26,0	£1.00,0

#### PART III

#### *Voluntary Contributions*

Class of persons holding a certificate of Voluntary Insurance	Weekly rate of contribution payable by an insured person holding a certificate of Voluntary Insurance
Persons of insurable age or over ...	£1.00,0
Boys and Girls under insurable age ...	18c0".

Substitution of  
the Third  
Schedule to the  
principal Act.

12. For the Third Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

“THIRD SCHEDULE

Amount or Rate of Benefit

PART I

*Rate of Benefit*

Kind of Benefit	Weekly Rate
	£ c m
(a) sickness benefit —	
persons over insurable age ... ..	7 00 0
(b) unemployment benefit —	
persons over insurable age ... ..	7 00 0
(c) widow's pension ... ..	7 00 0
(d) widow's special allowance ... ..	2 58 0
(e) invalidity pension ... ..	7 00 0
(f) retirement pension ... ..	7 00 0
(g) guardian's allowance ... ..	1 73 0
(h) injury benefit —	
persons over insurable age ... ..	9 00 0
persons under insurable age ... ..	3 63 0
(i) death benefit —	
(i) widow's benefit ... ..	8 15 0
(ii) widower's benefit ... ..	8 15 0
(iii) widow's allowance ... ..	3 06 0
(iv) orphan's allowance ... ..	2 71 0
(v) parent's allowance ... ..	7 00 0

PART II

*Amount of Benefit*

Kind of Benefit	Amount
	£ c m
Marriage Grant ... ..	56 00 0

## PART III

*Amounts of Disablement Gratuity*

Degree of Disablement	Amount of Gratuity
%	£ c m
1	26 70 0
2	53 40 0
3	80 10 0
4	106 80 0
5	133 50 0
6	160 20 0
7	186 90 0
8	213 60 0
9	240 30 0
10	267 00 0
11	293 70 0
12	320 40 0
13	347 10 0
14	373 80 0
15	400 50 0
16	427 20 0
17	453 90 0
18	480 60 0
19	507 30 0

## PART IV

*Rates of Disablement Pension*

Degree of Disablement	WEEKLY RATES	
	Persons under insurable age	Persons over insurable age
%	£ c m	£ c m
100	3 50 0	7 00 0
90	3 25 0	6 50 0
80	2 90 0	5 80 0
70	2 58 0	5 16 0
60	2 20 0	4 40 0
50	1 97 0	3 94 0
40	1 58 0	3 16 0
30	1 24 0	2 48 0
20	0 88 0	1 76 0

## PART V

*Increase of Benefit*

Increase for a wife of the weekly rate of —	£	c	m
(a) sickness benefit ... ..	4	50	0
(b) unemployment benefit ... ..	4	50	0
(c) invalidity pension ... ..	4	50	0
(d) retirement pension ... ..	4	50	0
(e) injury benefit ... ..	4	50	0
(f) disablement pension ... ..	4	50	0
(g) parent's allowance ... ..	4	50	0
Increase for a child of the weekly rate of —			
(a) widow's pension ... ..	0	85	0
(b) widow's benefit ... ..	0	85	0
(c) widower's benefit ... ..	0	85	0".

Amendment of paragraph 3 of the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act.

13. Paragraph 3 of the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) item (i) of sub-paragraph (b) thereof shall be renumbered as item (i) (a);

(b) for the word "and" at the end of item (i) (a) of the said sub-paragraph there shall be substituted the word "or"; and

(c) immediately after item (i) (a) of the said sub-paragraph there shall be added the following new item:

"(i) (b) in respect of any person born on or after the 4th day of April, 1958, beginning on the first day of his contribution year in which the 3rd day of April, 1977, falls or on the first day of his contribution year in which he reaches the age of eighteen, whichever is the later; and".

Amendment of paragraph 4 of the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act.

14. Paragraph 4 of the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) item (i) of sub-paragraph (b) thereof shall be renumbered as item (i) (a);

(b) for the word "and" at the end of item (i) (a) of the said sub-paragraph there shall be substituted the word "or"; and

(c) immediately after item (i) (a) of the said sub-paragraph there shall be added the following new item:

"(i) (b) in respect of any person born on or after the 4th day of April, 1958, beginning on the first day of his contribution year in which the 3rd day of April, 1977, falls or on the first day of his contribution year in which he reaches the age of eighteen, whichever is the later; and".

Amendment of paragraph 5 of the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act.

15. Paragraph 5 of the Fourth Schedule to the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) item (i) of sub-paragraph (b) thereof shall be renumbered as item (i) (a);

(b) for the word "and" at the end of item (i) (a) of the said sub-paragraph there shall be substituted the word "or"; and

(c) immediately after item (i) (a) of the said sub-paragraph there shall be added the following new item:

“(i) (b) in respect of any person born on or after the 4th day of April, 1958, beginning on the first day of his contribution year in which the 3rd day of April, 1977, falls or on the first day of his contribution year in which he reaches the age of eighteen, whichever is the later; and”.

16. For the Fifth Schedule to the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

Substitution of  
the Fifth  
Schedule to the  
principal Act.

“FIFTH SCHEDULE

**Reduced Amounts or Rates of Benefit**

PART I

*Reduced Amounts of Marriage Grant*

Kind of Benefit	Full Amount	REDUCED AMOUNTS						
		Number of contributions paid by insured woman						
		249	224	199	174	149	124	99
		—225	—200	—175	—150	—125	—100	—75
Marriage Grant	£56.00	£49.50	£44	£39.50	£32.50	£28	£23.50	£16.50

PART II

*Reduced Rates of Other Benefits*

Kind of Benefit	Full Rate	REDUCED RATES			
		Number of contributions paid or credited in the relevant contribution year or yearly average of contributions paid or credited			
		40—49	30—39	20—29	
	£ c m	£ c m	£ c m	£ c m	
Sickness Benefit	7.00,0	6.30,0	4.80,0	3.48,0	
Unemployment Benefit	7.00,0	6.30,0	4.80,0	3.48,0	
Widow's Pension	7.00,0	6.30,0	4.80,0	3.48,0	
Invalidity Pension	7.00,0	6.30,0	4.80,0	3.48,0	
Retirement Pension	7.00,0	6.30,0	4.80,0	3.48,0	
Increase of benefit for a wife —					
Sickness Benefit	4.50,0	4.20,0	3.12,0	2.34,0	
Unemployment Benefit	4.50,0	4.20,0	3.12,0	2.34,0	
Invalidity Pension	4.50,0	4.20,0	3.12,0	2.34,0	
Retirement Pension	4.50,0	4.20,0	3.12,0	2.34,0”.	

### Objects and Reasons

The Object of this Bill is to amend the National Insurance Act, 1956, so as to:

- (i) increase the rates of the benefits and of the contributions;
- (ii) as from the 4th April, 1977, require self-employed and non-employed persons to pay the contributions from the age of 18 years and employed persons to pay the contribution at the adult rate from such an age;
- (iii) as from the same date, enable insured persons to receive sickness, injury and unemployment benefits from the age of 18 years;
- (iv) introduce a "waiting period" of three days before payment of sickness, unemployment and injury benefit is made;
- (v) reduce the number of days of entitlement of sickness, injury and unemployment benefits by the number of days of disqualification which may be imposed under the current provisions of this Act.