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SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENT

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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 1973, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Social Security Act 1964 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).
- 10 2. **Disability allowances**—The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting, after section 61B (as inserted by section 20 of the Social Security Amendment Act 1972) the following headings and sections:

No. 24—1

“Disability Allowances

“61c. **Disability allowances**—Subject to the provisions of this part of the Act every person who suffers from a physical disability and who is in receipt of an age benefit, an invalidity benefit or a sickness benefit shall be entitled to receive a disability allowance under this Part of this Act to cover special expenses arising from his disability. 5

“61d. **Rate of disability allowance**—The amount of the disability allowance payable to any person shall be assessed by a committee set up by the Commission for this purpose and shall be subject to such limits as may be fixed from time to time by the Minister of Social Welfare. 10

“61e. **Disability allowances available to non-beneficiaries**—
(1) A disability allowance may also be paid to any person who would otherwise qualify for an emergency benefit under section 61 of this Act. 15

“(2) In the case of a severely handicapped child a disability allowance shall be payable without income test to the person receiving the family benefit in respect of the child.”

3. Superannuation benefit may be payable notwithstanding absence from New Zealand—Section 77 of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection (1) the following second proviso: 20

“Provided that in the case of superannuation benefits granted pursuant to section 13 of this Act the Commission may pay the whole or any part of the benefit notwithstanding the absence of the beneficiary from New Zealand.” 25

4. Review of benefits—The principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following section:

“86A. On the first day of May and the first day of November in every year, the Commission shall review all benefits payable under Part I of the principal Act and shall make such adjustments as it considers necessary to reflect the movement of the average income of persons not for the time being in receipt of a benefit: 30 35

“Provided that no adjustment of benefits under this section shall be less by way of percentage than the percentage increase in the All Groups category of the Consumers’ Price Index for the preceding 6-month period ending 31 March
5 and 30 September respectively, as published from time to time by the Department of Statistics.”

5. Increasing rates of benefits—(1) In addition to the review of benefits provided for in the preceding section the rates of superannuation, age, widows’, orphans’, invalids’,
10 miners’, sickness, and unemployment benefits shall be increased from the 6th day of January 1973.

(2) The rate of such increase shall be fixed by the Commission but shall be not less than the percentage increase
15 for the preceding 6 months.