

Rehabilitation and Incapacity Bill

This Bill relates to the provision of rehabilitation services in New Zealand and the system of benefits payable for incapacity.

Part I, Applications, deals with extent of cover, time limits, age limits, and general rights.

Part II contains provisions relating to rehabilitation programmes and conditions applied to rehabilitation, assessment, and re-employment of rehabilitated persons.

Part III, Weekly Benefits, provides for benefits in respect of earners and non-earners, provides for disability allowances, and sets out provisions relating to weekly earnings.

Part IV, Other Benefits, relates to the payment of funeral benefits, grants to surviving spouses, payment of benefits to surviving spouses and dependants; health care, attendant care, and household care costs.

Part V, Funding, relates to levies to be paid by employers, by the self-employed, and on motor vehicles, and provides for the funding of the Rehabilitation and Incapacity Corporation.

Parts VII and VIII set out provisions relating to applications, reviews and appeals.

Part IX contains miscellaneous provisions relating to benefits, such as overpayments and penalties, cancellation of benefits in certain circumstances and unclaimed benefits.

Part X concerns the relationship of benefits and other remedies.

Part XI constitutes the Accident Compensation Corporation as the Rehabilitation and Disability Corporation and defines its functions and composition.

Parts XII and XIV relate to transitional provisions and miscellaneous provisions.

Social Welfare Bill (No. 2)

This Bill is intended to consolidate and amend various Acts relating to social welfare and to provide for the introduction of a universal benefit.

Part I contains provisions relating to guaranteed retirement income and veterans' pensions, universal benefit, youth benefits, family assistance, accommodation benefit, special needs supplement, disability assistance, supplementary welfare programmes, lump sum payments on death, residential requirements, payment overseas of GRI and veterans' pensions, reciprocity agreements, fixing of rates of benefits, general provisions, provisions relating to overpayment of benefits, functions and powers of the Director-General, rights of review and appeal, and regulations.

Part II relates to liable parent contributions.

Part III contains provisions relating to community welfare and disability assistance services.

Part IV re-enacts, with minor amendments, those provisions of the Disabled Persons Community Welfare Act 1975 relating to the registration of homes for people with disabilities.

Part V re-enacts, with minor amendments, those provisions of the Disabled Persons Community Welfare Act 1975 relating to access to premises for people with disabilities.

Part VI re-enacts the current provisions relating to the Social Welfare Commission, District Executive Committees and Area Welfare Executive Committees, advisory committees, district review committees, the Social Security Appeal Authority, the New Zealand Artificial Limb Board, and the delegation of functions and powers by the Director-General.

Part VII contains miscellaneous and transitional provisions.

Part VIII provides for consequential amendments to the Income Tax Act 1976.

Trade in Endangered Species Amendment Bill

This Bill increases significantly the penalties for offences against the Trade in Endangered Species Act 1989 and insets into that Act new enforcement provisions, including the power to arrest without a warrant.

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Government Notices

Agriculture and Fisheries

Noxious Plants Act 1978

Notice Declaring *Sagittaria (Sagittaria graminea ssp. platyphylla)* a Class B Noxious Plant (No. 5032; Ag. 1570-03-3)

1. Pursuant to section 19 of the Noxious Plants Act 1978, the Noxious Plants Council hereby declares *Sagittaria (Sagittaria*

graminea ssp. platyphylla) to be a Class B noxious plant throughout New Zealand.

2. This notice shall come into effect on the day after its date of notification in the *Gazette*.

Dated at Wellington this 6th day of September 1990.

J. L. RANDALL, Secretary, Noxious Plants Council.

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