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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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THE SENIOR CITIZENS BENEFITS AMENDMENT ACT, 1975

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND
COMMUNITY HEALTH

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(Assented to _____, 1975)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. The Senior Citizens Benefits Act is hereby amended.

2. Section 2 is struck out and the following section is substituted therefor:

2. (1) In accordance with the regulations the Minister may, out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, pay benefits in such amounts as may be prescribed by the regulations to every person who

(a) is receiving a pension and a supplement, and

(b) is a resident of Alberta.

(2) Payments of benefits under this Act to any person may be made to the trustee of that person in accordance with the regulations.

3. Section 3 is amended by striking out the words "a benefit" and by substituting therefor the word "benefits".

4. Section 4 is amended by striking out the words "a benefit" and by substituting therefor the words "any benefit".

5. Section 5 is amended

(a) *as to clause (b) by striking out the word "benefit" and by substituting therefor the word "benefits",*

(b) *by adding after clause (d) the following clauses:*

(d1) *prescribing the procedure for the appointment of trustees to receive payment of benefits on behalf of beneficiaries;*

(d2) *providing for the payment of benefits to trustees on behalf of beneficiaries;*

Explanatory Notes

1. This Bill will amend chapter 84 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1973 to permit the implementation of a guaranteed income for senior citizens who receive a Guaranteed Income Supplement under the Old Age Security Act (Canada).

2. This amendment will permit the payment of an additional benefit to persons to raise their income to the necessary level. It will also permit payments to trustees where necessary. Section 2 presently reads:

2. In accordance with the regulations the Minister may, out of moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, pay a benefit in an amount prescribed by the regulations to every person who

- (a) is receiving a pension and a supplement, and
- (b) is a resident of Alberta.

3. Section 3 presently reads:

3. Payment of a benefit under this Act shall be made in respect of each month that the beneficiary receives a supplement.

4. Section 4 presently reads:

4. Payment of a benefit under this Act shall cease

- (a) upon the Minister being notified of the termination of payment of a supplement, or
- (b) upon the payment of the benefit for the month in which the beneficiary dies, or
- (c) upon the Minister being notified that payment of a supplement to a beneficiary is being effected in another province.

5. Section 5 presently reads:

5. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) prescribing the manner of paying the benefits under this Act;
- (b) fixing the amount of the benefit that may be paid to beneficiaries;
- (c) prescribing forms for use under this Act;
- (d) prescribing the manner of deducting payment pursuant to section 7, subsection (2);
- (e) generally, respecting any matter required for the proper administration of this Act and the regulations.

(d3) prescribing the manner in which any benefit paid to a trustee shall be administered and expended for the benefit of the beneficiary and the manner of accounting therefor;

6. This Act comes into force on a date to be fixed by Proclamation.