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AN ACT TO AMEND AND EXTEND THE SOCIAL WELFARE ACTS, THE PENSIONS ACT 1990, THE COMBAT POVERTY AGENCY ACT 1986, THE TAXES CONSOLIDATION ACT 1997 AND THE FAMILY SUPPORT AGENCY ACT 2001.

[30th March, 2007]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2007.

Short title,
construction,
collective citation
and
commencement.

(2) The Social Welfare Acts and *sections 1 to 36* shall be read together as one.

(3) *Section 37* and the Pensions Acts 1990 to 2006 may be cited together as the Pensions Acts 1990 to 2007.

(4) *Sections 5, 8, 9, 14, 18, 20 to 25, 27, 28 and 34 to 37*, shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister may appoint by order or orders either generally or with reference to any particular purpose or provision, and different days may be so appointed for different purposes or different provisions.

2.—In this Act—

Definitions.

“Act of 2006” means the Social Welfare Law Reform and Pensions Act 2006;

“Principal Act” means the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005.

PART 2

AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL WELFARE ACTS

3.—Section 2(1) of the Principal Act is amended by substituting the following for the definition of “volunteer development worker”:

Amendment to
definition of
volunteer
development
worker.