Draft Regulations laid before Parliament under section 37(1)(c) and (2) of the Jobseekers Act 1995, for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Jobseeker's Allowance (Domestic Violence) (Amendment) Regulations 2013

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 35(1) and 36(2) of, and paragraph 8B(4) of Schedule 1 to, the Jobseekers Act 1995(**1**).

A draft of these Regulations was laid before Parliament in accordance with section 37(1)(c) and (2) of the Jobseekers Act 1995.

In accordance with section 173(1)(b) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(**2**), the Secretary of State has obtained the agreement of the Social Security Advisory Committee that proposals in respect of these Regulations should not be referred to it.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Jobseeker's Allowance (Domestic Violence) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

Amendment of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996

2. For the definition of "domestic violence" in regulation 14A(10) of the Jobseeker's Allowance Regulations 1996(**3**) substitute—

> ""coercive behaviour" means an act of assault, humiliation or intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish or frighten V;

(**1**) 1995 c. 18. Section 35 is an interpretation provision and is cited because of the meaning given to the words "prescribed" and "regulations". Those definitions were amended by paragraph 62 of Schedule 3 to the Social Security Contributions (Transfer of Functions, etc) Act 1999 (c. 2). Paragraph 8B of Schedule 1 was inserted by section 29(1) of the Welfare Reform Act 2009 (c. 24) and is repealed by Part 4 of Schedule 14 to the Welfare Reform Act 2012 (c. 5) from a date to be appointed.

(**2**) 1992 c. 5.

(**3**) S.I. 1996/207. Regulation 14A was inserted by S.I. 2012/853 and amended by S.I. 2012/1479.