STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 376

HOUSING

The Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Made - - - -	*14th August 1997*
Coming into operation	*18th August 1997*

The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 122(1)(*d*), 129(2) and 171(1), (3) and (4) of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992(**1**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Housing Benefit (General) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 18th August 1997.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**2**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations

2.—(1) In Schedule 1 to the Housing Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**3**) (ineligible service charges)—

(a) in paragraph 1(*f*)(**4**)—

(i) in head (ii) after "the terms of this head" there shall be added "or head (iii)";

(ii) after head (ii) there shall be added the following—

"or

(iii) are provided to a claimant in supported accommodation by his landlord in person or someone on his behalf, and payment of the charges in respect of those services is a condition on which the claimant's right to occupy the accommodation depends;";

(**1**) 1992 c. 7
(**2**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**3**) S.R. 1987 No. 461; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1994 No. 137
(**4**) Paragraph 1(*f*) was substituted by regulation 2 of S.R. 1994 No. 137