1987 No. 378

ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES

Administration of Estates (Rights of Surviving Spouse) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987

Made . . . . . 21st September 1987

Coming into operation . . 1st December 1987

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

The Department of Finance and Personnel(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 7(4A)(**b**) of the Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(**c**) and now vested in it(**d**), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Administration of Estates (Rights of Surviving Spouse) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1987.

Increase of surviving spouse's rights on intestacy

2. In relation to the estate of a person dying after the coming into operation of this Order, section 7 (rights of surviving spouse) of the Administration of Estates Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 shall be amended as follows:

(*a*) in subsection (2) for "£40,000"(**e**) wherever it occurs there shall be substituted "£75,000"; and

(*b*) in subsection (4) for "£85,000"(**e**) wherever it occurs there shall be substituted "£125,000".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 21st September 1987.

(L.S.) *E. M. Power*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) Formerly the Department of Finance: *see* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3
(**b**) As inserted by 1969 c. 38 (N.I.) section 1(*c*)
(**c**) 1955 c. 24 (N.I.)
(**d**) Functions transferred from the Minister of Home Affairs: *see* S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5(*d*) and 1974 c. 28 Sch. 1 para. 2(1)(*b*)
(**e**) *See* S.R. 1981 No. 124