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SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security (Mobility Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

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The Department of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 37A(2) and (5)(**a**) of the Social Security (Northern Ireland) Act 1975(**b**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, interpretation and commencement

1. These regulations, which may be cited as the Social Security (Mobility Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979, shall be read as one with the Social Security (Mobility Allowance) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**c**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and shall come into operation on 21st March 1979.

Amendment of regulation 3 *of the principal regulations*

2.—(1) Regulation 3 of the principal regulations (circumstances in which a person is or is not to be treated as suffering from physical disablement such that he is unable or virtually unable to walk) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation and shall accordingly have effect as set out in the Schedule hereto.

(2) In the said regulation 3, immediately after "as" in the phrase "as unable to walk or virtually unable to do so", in each place where that phrase occurs, there shall be inserted "suffering from physical disablement such that he is either".

(3) In paragraph (1) of the said regulation 3 "or virtually unable" shall be omitted from sub-paragraph (*a*); the existing sub-paragraph (*b*) shall become sub-paragraph (*c*); and after sub-paragraph (*a*) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*b*) his ability to walk out of doors is so limited, as regards the distance over which or the speed at which or the length of time for which or the manner in which he can make progress on foot without severe discomfort, that he is virtually unable to walk; or".

(4) In paragraph (2) of the said regulation 3 for "he is able" there shall be substituted "he is not unable or virtually unable", and for "he would be able" there shall be substituted "he would not be unable or virtually unable".

(**a**) As inserted by Article 24 of S.I. 1975/1503 (N.I. 15)
(**b**) 1975 c. 15
(**c**) S.R. 1975 No. 280 (II, p. 1352)