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WELFARE AUTHORITIES

Minimum Weekly Charges for Residential Accommodation

SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS

General

REGULATIONS, DATED 16TH SEPTEMBER 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER THE WELFARE SERVICES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1971 AND UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS &C. ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1966.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services, in exercise of powers conferred by section 4 of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**) and by paragraph 15 of Schedule 2 to the Supplementary Benefits &c. Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**b**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations being regulations subject to negative resolution in accordance with section 44(2) and section 38(2) respectively of those Acts:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These regulations (other than regulation 5) may be cited as the Welfare Authorities (Charges for Residential Accommodation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971.

(2) Regulation 5 shall be read as one with the Supplementary Benefit (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(**c**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations") and may be cited as the Supplementary Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971.

(3) These regulations shall come into operation on 20th September 1971.

Revocation of regulations

2. The Welfare Authorities (Charges for Residential Accommodation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(**d**) are hereby revoked.

Minimum charges for residential accommodation

3. The minimum charge which a person shall be liable to pay for accommodation provided by or on behalf of a Welfare Authority, for the purposes of section 4(3) of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971, shall be £4·80 per week.

4. Where accommodation is provided for a child accompanied by a person over the age of 16, the minimum charge which that person shall be liable to pay for the accommodation of that child shall be such one of the following sums as is appropriate:

(*a*) in respect of a child under 5 years of age, the sum of £1·70 per week;

(*b*) in respect of a child aged 5 years or over, but less than 11 years, the sum of £2 per week;

(**a**) 1971. c. 2 (N.I.).
(**b**) 1966. c. 28 (N.I.).
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 188.
(**d**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 252.