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THE LEGAL AID (FINANCIAL CONDITIONS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970

REGULATIONS*, DATED 16TH SEPTEMBER 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF THE LEGAL AID AND ADVICE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 2, 3 and 14 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 and shall come into operation on 16th November 1970.

Disposable income for purposes of section 2 of the 1965 Act

2. Subject to the proviso to subsection (1) of section 2 of the Legal Aid and Advice Act (Northern Ireland) 1965, legal aid shall be available for any person whose disposable income does not exceed £950 a year, instead of the amount prescribed by that subsection.

Maximum contribution to legal aid fund in certain cases

3. A person's contribution to the legal aid fund in respect of any proceedings may include a contribution in respect of income not greater than one-third of the amount, if any, by which his disposable income exceeds £300, instead of the amount prescribed by section 3(1)(*a*) of the said Act of 1965.

Computation of contributions during certain periods

4. Where the period of computation used in determining the maximum amount of a person's contribution in respect of income under section 3(1)(*a*) of the said Act of 1965 begins before the coming into operation of these Regulations then:—

(*a*) if the period of computation ends two months or more after the date on which these Regulations come into operation, his maximum contribution in respect of income shall be arrived at by apportioning it between the parts of that period falling before and after that date according to the number of months in each part (but so that any fraction of a month in the second part shall be treated as a complete month), and by giving effect to the change in determining the amount of the contribution in respect of the second part; but

(*b*) otherwise the maximum amount of his contribution shall be unaffected.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 16th day of September 1970.

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(a) 1965. c. 8 (N.I.).

*These Regulations were affirmed by a Resolution of the Senate on 10th November 1970 and by Resolution of the House of Commons on 5th November 1970.