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NATIONAL INSURANCE

REGULATIONS, DATED THE 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1961, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1959.

WHEREAS the Ministry of Finance has determined under sub-section (4) of section 66 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946(**a**), that the Ministry of Health and Local Government is the appropriate department of the Government of Northern Ireland to make regulations under that sub-section modifying the scheme for the provision of pensions and other benefits established by regulations made under sub-section (1) of section 61 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ministry of Health and Local Government in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the said sub-section (4) as extended by section 14 of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1959(**b**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Insurance (Modification of the Health Services Superannuation Scheme) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1961, and shall come into operation on the 3rd day of April, 1961.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"the Act" means the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1959;

"the principal regulations" means the Health Services (Superannuation) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954(**c**);

"non-participating employment" has the meaning assigned to it by sub-section (2) of section 6 of the Act;

"officer" has the meaning assigned to it by the principal regulations and includes a practitioner within the meaning of those regulations who is an employed person for the purposes of the National Insurance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946;

"optants scheme" means a superannuation scheme which describes the superannuation benefits to which an officer is entitled by reason of his having elected, pursuant to regulations made under sub-section (1) of section 61 of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948(**d**), to retain rights corresponding with those which he previously enjoyed under such a scheme; and

other words and expressions have the same meanings as in the principal regulations.

Limitation of surrender, commutation, etc., of pensions

3.—(1) No provision in the principal regulations or in an optants scheme—

(*a*) for the surrender, commutation or assignment of a pension, or

(**a**) 1946. c. 23.
(**b**) 1959. c. 21.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954, No. 83.
(**d**) 1948. c. 3.