

I assent.

(L.S.)

ANTON BUTTIGIEG
President

25th September, 1981

ACT No. XLIII of 1981

AN ACT further to amend the Old Age Pensions Act, 1948.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title and
commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Old Age Pensions (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 1981, and shall be read and construed as one with the Old Age Pensions Act, 1948, hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”.

(2) This Act shall have effect as follows:

(a) section 4 and paragraph (c) of section 6, as from the 3rd day of January, 1981;

(b) sections 2, 3, 5 and 6 (with the exception of paragraph (c) thereof) as from the 2nd day of January, 1982.

Amendment of
section 2 of
the principal
Act.

2. For the definition of “severely handicapped person” in section 2 of the principal Act there shall be substituted the following new definition:

““severely handicapped person” means a person who still has a reasonable expectancy of life and who is incapable of supporting himself owing to a permanent handicap arising from —

(a) total deafmutism; or

(b) achondroplasia, hypopituitarism, osteogenesis imperfecta or other forms of dwarfism; or

(c) one of the following diseases, namely:

Multiple Sclerosis

Muscular Dystrophy

Spina Bifida

Hydrocephalus

Huntington’s Chorea;”.

3. In subsection (1) of section 3A of the principal Act, for the words "one hundred and fifteen cents" there shall be substituted the words "one hundred and twenty-five cents".

Amendment of section 3A of the principal Act.

4. In paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 5 of the principal Act, for the words "two hundred pounds," there shall be substituted the words "the applicable maximum amount specified in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) or sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) of the said Schedule, as the case may be."

Amendment of section 5 of the principal Act.

5. In subsection (1) of section 11B of the principal Act, for the figures "£50" there shall be substituted the figures "£58".

Amendment of section 11B of the principal Act.

6. The Schedule to the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

Amendment of Schedule to the principal Act.

(a) in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) thereof, for the figures "£10.25,0", "£8.75,0", "£7.20,0" and "£5.50,0" there shall be substituted the figures "£11.40,0", "£9.75,0", "£8.00,0" and "£6.10,0" respectively;

(b) in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2) thereof, for the figures "£13.05,0", "£11.30,0", "£9.50,0" and "£7.50,0" there shall be substituted the figures "£14.50,0", "£12.55,0", "£10.55,0" and "£8.35,0" respectively; and

(c) in item (ii) of the proviso to sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (3) thereof, the words "(other than leprosy assistance)" shall be deleted.

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 540 of the 23rd September, 1981.

CALCIDON AGIUS
Speaker

C. MIFSUD
Clerk to the House of Representatives