

WELFARE REFORM ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 5: General

Section 57: Consequential amendments of subordinate legislation

266. This section enables the Secretary of State to amend or revoke by way of regulations any statutory instruments made under other enactments before this Act received Royal Assent, where such amendments and revocations are necessary as a consequence of a provision of this Act (other than any provision in Part 2 of the Act). Regulations made under this power may include transitional provisions and savings, and provisions conferring discretion on any person. Regulations made under this power are subject to negative resolution procedure.

Section 58: Repeals and revocations

267. This section gives effect to the repeals and revocations in Schedule 7. It lists provisions in *Part 2 of Schedule 7* that will have effect on 6 April 2010. It protects the operation of article 3 of the Tax Credit Act 2002 (Commencement No. 3 and Transitional Protections and Savings) Order 2003 – (savings in relation to the abolition of child dependency increases).

Section 60: Extent

268. *Section 60* sets out the territorial extent of the Act, which is described in paragraphs 42 to 47 of these Notes.

Section 61: Commencement

269. *Section 61* provides for *sections 1 and 2, 8, 11, 23, 27 and 28, 37, 57, 59 and 60, 62 and Schedule 3* (and section 61 itself) to come into force on Royal Assent (that is, on 12 November 2009).
270. *Sections 15 and 34, Part 2, section 58(2) and (3) and Part 2 of Schedule 7* (so far as relating to the repeals and revocations mentioned in *section 58(2)*) will come into effect at the end of two months after the date of Royal Assent.
271. The remaining provisions will be brought into force by means of commencement orders made by the Secretary of State. The orders may appoint different days for different areas and purposes and make necessary transitory, transitional or savings provisions.
272. Before making any commencement order relating to the registration of births under *Part 1 of Schedule 6*, the Secretary of State is required to consult with the Registrar General for England and Wales.