

SCHEDULES

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LOSS OF BENEFIT PROVISIONS: FURTHER AMENDMENTS

PART 1

FURTHER AMENDMENTS OF SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2001

1.—(1) Section 6 of the 2001 Act (loss of benefit for commission of benefit offences) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (8)—

(a) after the definition of “benefit offence” insert—

““post-commencement offence” means an offence committed on or after 1 April 2002 (the day on which this section came into operation).”, an

(b) omit the definitions of “disqualifying benefit” and “sanctionable benefit”.

(3) In subsection (9) for paragraph (b) substitute—

“(b) references to a conviction include references to a conviction in relation to which the court makes an order for absolute or conditional discharge and to a conviction in Great Britain (including a conviction in relation to which a court in Scotland makes a probation order or an order for absolute discharge without proceeding to a conviction).”.

(4) In the heading, for “commission of benefit offences” substitute “second or subsequent conviction of benefit offence”.