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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 3147**

**The Welfare Reform and Pensions  
(Northern Ireland) Order 1999**

**PART IV**

**PENSIONS ON DIVORCE ETC.**

*Article 18—Amendments*

*Article 19—Amendments*

**Extension to overseas divorces etc.**

**20.**—(1) Part IV of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (financial relief in Northern Ireland after overseas divorce etc.) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In Article 22 (matters to which the court is to have regard in exercising its powers to make orders for financial relief), after paragraph (3) there shall be inserted—

“(3A) The matters to which the court is to have regard under paragraph (3)—

- (a) so far as relating to sub-paragraph (a) of Article 27(2) of the principal Order, include any benefits under a pension arrangement which a party to the marriage has or is likely to have (whether or not in the foreseeable future), and
- (b) so far as relating to sub-paragraph (h) of that provision, include any benefits under a pension arrangement which, by reason of the dissolution or annulment of the marriage, a party to the marriage will lose the chance of acquiring.”

(3) In that Article, at the end there shall be added—

“(7) In this Article—

- (a) “pension arrangement” has the meaning given by Article 27D(3) of the principal Order, and
- (b) references to benefits under a pension arrangement include any benefits by way of pension, whether under a pension arrangement or not.”

(4) In Article 25 (application of provisions of Part III of the Matrimonial Causes Order), the existing provision shall become paragraph (1) and, in that paragraph, after sub-paragraph (b) there shall be inserted—

- “(bd) Article 27B(3) to (9) (power, by financial provision order, to attach payments under a pension arrangement, or to require the exercise of a right of commutation under such an arrangement);
- (be) Article 27C (extension of lump sum powers in relation to death benefits under a pension arrangement);”

(5) In that Article, after paragraph (1) there shall be added—

“(2) Paragraph (1)(bd) and (be) shall not apply where the court has jurisdiction to entertain an application for an order for financial relief by reason only of the situation in Northern Ireland of a dwelling-house which was a matrimonial home of the parties.

(3) Article 27D(1) of the principal Order (effect of transfers on orders relating to rights under a pension arrangement) shall apply in relation to an order made under Article 21 by virtue of paragraph (1)(bd) or (be) as it applies in relation to an order made under Article 25 of the principal Order by virtue of Article 27B or 27C of that Order.

(4) The Lord Chancellor may by regulations make for the purposes of this Part provision corresponding to any provision which may be made by him under paragraphs (2) and (2A) of Article 27D of the principal Order.

(5) Regulations under this Article shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament in like manner as a statutory instrument and section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 shall apply accordingly.” .

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welfare Reform and Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order 1999, Cross Heading: .