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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

AMENDMENTS OF ^{M1}SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFITS ACT 1976

Marginal Citations

M1 1976 c. 71

PART II

PROVISIONS OF THE ACT AS AMENDED

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 The text of ss.3(4)(8)(9)(12), 4(1), 6(1)(3), 9(6), 16(3)–(6), 21(4), Sch. 2 para. 32, Sch. 2 Pt. II, Schs. 4, 5 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

“PART II

LIABILITY TO MAINTAIN, RECOVERY OF EXPENDITURE AND OFFENCES

Offences

False statements.

- 21 If any person, for the purpose of obtaining supplementary benefit or any other payment under this Act for himself or another person or for any other purpose connected with this Act—
- (a) makes any statement or representation which he knows to be false; or
 - (b) produces or furnishes, or causes to be produced or furnished, any document or information which he knows to be false in a material particular,
- he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both.

Impersonation of officers.

- 22 If any person, with intent to deceive, falsely represents himself to be a person authorised by the Secretary of State for Social Services to act in any capacity (whether under this Act or otherwise) he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £400.

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Illegal possession of documents.

- 23 (1) If any person—
- (a) as a pledge or a security for a debt; or
 - (b) with a view to obtaining payment from the person entitled to it of a debt due either to himself or to any other person;
- receives, detains or has in his possession any document issued by or on behalf of the Secretary of State for Social Services in connection with any benefit, pension or allowance (whether payable under this Act or otherwise) he shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) If any person has such a document in his possession without lawful authority or excuse (the proof whereof shall lie on him) he shall be guilty of an offence.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding £400 or to both.

Failure to notify.

- 24 (1) If any person fails to comply with a provision of regulations under section 9(2) of this Act requiring him to give notice of any matter to the Secretary of State, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.

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Failure to maintain.

- 25 (1) If any person persistently refuses or neglects to maintain himself or any person whom for the purposes of this Act he is liable to maintain and in consequence of his refusal or neglect supplementary benefit is awarded to meet requirements which are, or include, his or those of such a person he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding £400 or to both.
- (2) For the purposes of this section a person shall not be taken to refuse or neglect to maintain himself or any other person by reason only of anything done or omitted in furtherance of a trade dispute.”

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