*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act* 1999 (c.30) which received Royal Assent on 11 November 1999

## WELFARE REFORM AND PENSIONS ACT 1999

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## COMMENTARY

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Section 55: New allowances for bereaved spouses

## Widowed Parent's Allowance

The *inserted section 39A* provides for the Widowed Parent's Allowance. It reproduces the rules that currently apply to Widowed Mother's Allowance (set out in section 37), but extends the new benefit to widowers.