STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 1577 (C.63)

SOCIAL SECURITY

The Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1997

Made - - - - 24th June 1997

The Secretary of State for Social Security, in exercise of the powers conferred on her by section 25(1) and (2) of the Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997(1) and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and interpretation

- **1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1997.
- (2) In this Order, references to "the Act" are references to the Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997 and, except where the context otherwise requires, references to sections and Schedules are references to sections of, and Schedules to, the Act.

Appointed day

2. The day appointed for the coming into force of the provisions of the Act specified in the Schedule to this Order is 1st July 1997.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Security.

John Y. Denham
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Social Security

24th June 1997

SCHEDULE Article 2

PROVISIONS OF THE ACT COMING INTO FORCE ON 1st JULY 1997

Provisions of the Act	Subject Matter
section 1	Information held by tax authorities
section 2	Other government information
section 3 except in so far as it inserts section 122E(3) and (4) into the Social Security Administration Act 1992(2)	Authorities administering housing benefit or council tax benefit
section 4	Unauthorised disclosure by officials
section 5	Overseeing of administration by Secretary of State
section 6	Role of Audit Commission
section 7	Role of Accounts Commission for Scotland
section 8	Directions by Secretary of State
section 9	Enforcement of directions
section 10	Adjustment of subsidy
section 12	Inspectors appointed by authorities
section 13	Offence of dishonest representation for obtaining benefit
section 14	Extension of offence of false representation for obtaining benefit
section 17	Reviews initiated by Secretary of State
section 18	Medical examinations of persons awarded certain benefits
Paragraphs 1 to 7 and 9 to 14 of Schedule 1 and section 22 in so far as it relates to those paragraphs	Minor and consequential amendments
Schedule 2 and section 22 in so far as it relates to that Schedule except for the repeal of section 128A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992(3) and the heading preceding that section	Repeals

⁽**2**) 1992 c. 5.

⁽³⁾ Section 128A was inserted by section 28(2) of the Jobseekers Act 1995 (c. 18).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the coming into force of provisions of the Social Security Administration (Fraud) Act 1997 on 1st July 1997 for the provisions in—

- sections 1 to 4 which relate to the supply and use of information except the coming into force of subsections (3) and (4) of section 122E of the Social Security Administration Act 1992;
- sections 5 to 10 which relate to the administration of housing benefit and council tax benefit;
- section 12 which relates to the appointment of inspectors by authorities;
- sections 13 and 14 which relate to offences;
- section 17 which relates to reviews in connection with attendance allowance, disability living allowance and disability working allowance;
- section 18 which relates to medical examinations in connection with attendance allowance and disability working allowance;
- Schedule 1 (minor and consequential amendments) except for the amendments in paragraph 8;
- Schedule 2 (repeals) except for the repeal of section 128A of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.