

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 70 of 1997

BELIZE:

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for Social Security in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21 and 64 of the Social Security Act, Chapter 34 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition, 1980 - 1990 and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 19th July, 1997.)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

SOCIAL SECURITY (BENEFIT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1997,

and shall be read and construed as one with the Social Security (Benefit) Regulations, which, as amended, are hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

2. The Principal Regulations are hereby amended in the Regulations specified in Column I of the Schedule hereto to the extent specified in Column II of the said Schedule.

3. These Regulations shall take effect upon signature.

MADE by the Minister of Finance this 1st day of JULY, 1997.

(MANUEL ESQUIVEL)

Minister of Finance

Minister responsible for Social Security

Regulation 20 In sub-regulation (4) (a) substitute the words "twenty-five dollars" for the words "fifteen dollars".

Regulation 25 In sub-Regulation (5) (b) substitute the words "twenty-five dollars" for the words "fifteen dollars".

Regulation 26 In sub-regulation (4) (a) substitute the words "twenty-five dollars" for the words "Fifteen dollars".

Regulation 27

Regulation 27-Regulation 27(2) is repealed and replaced by the following:- "27 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph I of the Regulation 26, the weekly amount of retirement pension payable under paragraph I above shall not exceed the greater of:-

(a) Thirty dollars or 15 percent of average weekly insurable earnings if less than 300 contributions have been paid or credited; or

(b) Thirty five dollars or 20 percent of average weekly insurable earnings if less than 400 contributions have been paid or credited; or

Regulation 29

(a) add immediately after the **proviso** to sub regulation (1) the following as new sub-regulation (1A):-

"(1A) A funeral grant shall be payable to an insured person in respect of a deceased spouse and a deceased dependent child under the age of 16 years, or 18 years if receiving full time education.

Provided that no less than 150 contributions have been paid on behalf of the insured person.

(b) in subregulation (2) thereof:

(a) renumber the existing subregulation (2) as paragraph (a) and substitute the words "fifteen hundred dollars" for the words "nine hundred and fifty dollars" occurring therein.

(b) add the following paragraphs immediately after paragraph (a) as follows:-

"(b) The amount of the funeral grant in respect of the deceased spouse shall be one thousand dollars.

"(b) The amount of the funeral grant in respect of the deceased dependent child shall be five hundred dollars.

Regulation 35 In sub-regulation (1) (b) substitute the words "two thirds" for the words "one-half"

Regulation 51 In sub-regulation (2) substitute the words "fifteen hundred and fifty dollars" for the words "nine hundred dollars".

Regulation 57 (a) In sub-regulation (1) (a) substitute the words " two-thirds" for the words "one-half".