



Statutory Document No. 26/07

THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT 2000

**THE SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD ACT 2001 (APPLICATION)
(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2007**

Approved by Tynwald 20th February 2007

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Health and Social Security by section 1 of the Social Security Act 2000(a), and of all other enabling powers, the following Order is hereby made: -

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Social Security Fraud Act 2001 (Application) (Amendment) Order 2007 and shall, subject to section 2(1) of the Social Security Act 2000, come into force on 1st March 2007.

Amendment of the Social Security Fraud Act 2001 (Application) Order 2004

2. (1) Amend the Schedule to the Social Security Fraud Act 2001 (Application) Order 2004(b) (which sets out the Social Security Fraud Act 2001(c) (of Parliament) as it has effect in the Isle of Man) in accordance with the following paragraph.

(2) In subsection (8) of section 7 (which defines certain phrases appearing in section 7) in the definition of "sanctionable benefit" in paragraph (ia) for "winter bonuses" substitute "winter bonuses and additional winter bonuses".

(a) 2000 c.5; (b) S.D. 53/04; (c) 2001 c.11.

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Minister for Health and Social Security

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

1. This Order amends the provisions of the United Kingdom Parliament Social Security Fraud Act 2001 as it has effect in the Isle of Man ("the Fraud Act") consequent on the introduction of the additional winter bonus in March 2007.
2. *The Social Security Fraud Act 2001*
 - 2.1 Under section 7 of the Fraud Act, anyone who has been convicted on two separate occasions within a three-year period of an offence relating to a *disqualifying* social security benefit shall have any *sanctionable* social security benefit they subsequently become entitled to withheld or reduced (depending on the benefit in question) for up to 13 weeks.
 - 2.2 Section 7(8) of the Fraud Act specifies which benefits are disqualifying ones and which are sanctionable ones. Article 2(2) adds to the list of sanctionable benefits the additional winter bonus.
3. *The additional winter bonus*
 - 3.1 The purpose of the additional winter bonus is to provide further help to people on the lowest incomes with the cost of domestic fuels. The amount of the bonus to be paid in March 2007 will be £100.
 - 3.2 The additional winter bonus will be payable to persons or couples whose applicable amount for income support, income-based jobseeker's allowance or joint-claim couple jobseeker's allowance purposes on any day falling in the first complete benefit week in March includes a premium because they or their partner –
 - are aged 60 or over;
 - have been incapable of working for over a year or are disabled; or

- have a disabled child.

3.3 Persons and joint-claim couples who have an allowance for a child under the age of 5 included in their applicable amount for benefit will also qualify for an additional winter bonus.

