Pensions Act 2007

2007 CHAPTER 22

PART 4

GENERAL

24   Review of operation of Act

(1) The Secretary of State must, before the end of 2014, prepare a report on the operation of the provisions of this Act.

(2) The Secretary of State may prepare subsequent reports on the operation of the provisions of this Act.

(3) The Secretary of State must lay a copy of any report prepared under this section before Parliament.

25   Orders and regulations

(1) Any order or regulations under this Act must be made by statutory instrument.

(2) Any power of the Secretary of State to make an order or regulations under this Act includes power to make different provision for different purposes or cases.

(3) Before the Secretary of State makes any regulations by virtue of—
    (a)   section 15(5), or
    (b)   section 18(9),
he must consult such persons as he considers appropriate.

(4) Subsection (3) does not apply—
    (a)   to regulations made for the purpose only of consolidating other regulations revoked by them,
    (b)   in a case where it appears to the Secretary of State that by reason of urgency consultation is inexpedient,

  (c) to regulations made before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the coming into force of the provision mentioned in subsection (3) by virtue of which the regulations are made, or

  (d) to regulations which—

    (i) state that they are consequential upon a specified enactment, and

    (ii) are made before the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the coming into force of that enactment.

(5) In subsection (4) "enactment" includes an enactment comprised in subordinate legislation.

26 Interpretation

In this Act—

  "the Administration Act" means the Social Security Administration Act 1992 (c. 5);

  "the SSCBA" means the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (c. 4);

  "subordinate legislation" has the same meaning as in the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30);

  "tax year" has the same meaning as in Parts 1 to 6 of the SSCBA (see section 122(1) of that Act).

27 Consequential etc. provision, repeals and revocations

(1) The Secretary of State may by order make—

  (a) such supplementary, incidental or consequential provision, or

  (b) such transitory, transitional or saving provision,

as he considers appropriate for the general purposes, or any particular purposes, of this Act, or in consequence of, or for giving full effect to, any provision made by this Act.

(2) Schedule 7 contains repeals and revocations.

(3) The following repeals have effect at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed—

  (a) the repeals in Part 2 of Schedule 7 of the provisions of the Pensions Act 1995 (c. 26) other than paragraphs 19 and 20 of Schedule 4 to that Act;

  (b) the repeal in Part 2 of Schedule 7 of paragraph 36 of Schedule 24 to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c. 33);

  (c) the repeals in Parts 3 and 5 of Schedule 7.

(4) The following repeals and revocations have effect on 6th April 2010—

  (a) the repeals and revocations in Part 1 of Schedule 7;

  (b) the repeals in Part 2 of that Schedule other than those falling within subsection (3).

(5) The repeals in Part 4 of that Schedule have effect on 6th April in the tax year following the designated tax year (see section 5(4)).

(6) The repeals and revocations in Part 6 of that Schedule have effect on the abolition date (within the meaning of section 15).

(7) The other repeals contained in that Schedule have effect on the date on which they come into force by virtue of an order made under section 30.

(8) A statutory instrument containing an order under subsection (1) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

28   Financial provisions

(1) There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament—
  (a)   any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of this Act; and
  (b)   any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided.

(2) There is to be paid into the Consolidated Fund any increase in the sums payable into that Fund under any other Act.

29   Extent

(1) The following provisions of this Act extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland—
  (a)   sections 18 and 19,
  (b)   Part 3, and
  (c)   this Part.

(2) But section 24 extends to Northern Ireland in accordance with subsection (1) only as respects the provisions of this Act extending there.

(3) Section 8 and the repeal in the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (c. 7) in Part 4 of Schedule 7 extend to Northern Ireland only.

(4) The amendments made by Schedule 5 have the same extent as the enactments amended.

(5) The other provisions of this Act extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

30   Commencement

(1) The following provisions of this Act come into force on the day on which it is passed—
  (a)   sections 5 and 6, and Part 5 of Schedule 1, so far as relating to the amounts mentioned in subsection (1)(d) of the new section 150A inserted into the Administration Act by section 5(1);
  (b)   sections 18(4) to (11) and 19;
  (c)   Part 3;
  (d)   this Part.

(2) The following provisions of this Act come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint—
  (a)   section 14;
  (b)   section 15(1), Part 2 of Schedule 4 and Part 7 of Schedule 7;
  (c)   section 17, Schedule 5 and Part 8 of Schedule 7;
  (d)   section 18(1) to (3).

(3) The other provisions of this Act come into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which it is passed.

(4) An order under subsection (2) may—

    (a)   appoint different days for different purposes;

    (b)   make such provision as the Secretary of State considers necessary or expedient for transitory, transitional or saving purposes in connection with the coming into force of any provision falling within subsection (2).

31   Short title

This Act may be cited as the Pensions Act 2007.