

*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform Act 2007  
(c.5) which received Royal Assent on 3rd May 2007*

# **WELFARE REFORM ACT 2007**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND**

#### ***Attendance allowance/disability living allowance and care home residents***

41. Attendance allowance and disability living allowance are paid as a contribution towards the extra living costs of severely disabled people. People in care homes will normally have their disability-related needs (except mobility needs) met by the services provided by the home. To pay attendance allowance or the care component of disability living allowance when the costs of a person's care home accommodation (including board and personal care) are being met, in full or part, out of public funds – usually by a local authority – would amount to duplicate provision from public funds. Hence, in these circumstances, payment of attendance allowance and the care component of disability living allowance may be withdrawn once a person has been resident in a care home for more than four weeks. Section 60 amends the scope of this power.