



## Social Services (Amendment) Act 1981

Act No. 16 of 1981

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### AN ACT

To amend the *Social Services Act 1980*.

[Assented to 6 November 1981]

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislative Assembly of Norfolk Island as follows -

#### 1. - Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Social Services (Amendment) Act 1981*<sup>\*</sup>.

#### 2. - New section 38A

The *Social Services Act 1980*<sup>1</sup> is amended by adding after section 38 the following section -

**"38A - Benefits in respect of married person  
living apart in certain circumstances**

Where the executive member is satisfied that the living expenses of a beneficiary of an age or invalid benefit and the spouse of that beneficiary are, or are likely to be, greater than they would otherwise be because they are living apart -

- (a) by reason of the illness or infirmity of either or both of them;  
or
- (b) for any other reason the executive member considers sufficient,

the executive member may direct that the rate of benefit payable to that beneficiary shall, for such period (if any) as the executive member may specify, be the rate specified in subparagraph 1(a) of the Schedule."

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<sup>\*</sup>Commenced 12 November 1981. *Norfolk Island Government Gazette* of 12 November 1981.

#### NOTES

1. Act No. 9, 1981.