

No. 22 of 1993. *The Social Security (Amendment) Act, 1993.*

ANTIGUA
AND
BARBUDA

[L.S.]

I Assent,

B.T. Carrott,
Governor-General's Deputy.

26th May, 1993.

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No. 22 of 1993

AN ACT to amend the Social Security Act, 1972 (No. 3 of 1972)

[10th June, 1993.]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows--

1. This Act may be cited as the Social Security (Amendment) Act, 1993. Short title.

2. The Social Security Act, 1972, is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 53 thereof of the following — Provision for old age assistance.
No. 3 of 1972.

**"PART VI
PAYMENT OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

54. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Part any person who, on the coming into force of this Act, has attained the age of sixty five years or more and his total annual income from all sources is less ~~than~~ five thousand dollars shall Payment of old age assistance.

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on satisfying the conditions under this Part and the Regulations be eligible to be paid old age assistance at a rate equivalent to the minimum rate paid as age benefit under the Act.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), any person who has attained the age of sixty years and is blind or so disabled ~~that~~ he is unable to earn his livelihood and his total income is less than five thousand dollars per annum shall be eligible to be paid old age assistance at a rate equivalent to the minimum rate paid as age benefit under the Act.

Eligibility for and application for old age

55. (1) For the purpose of becoming eligible to receive old age assistance under this ~~Act~~, an applicant shall —

- (a) be a citizen of Antigua and Barbuda who has ~~ordinarily~~ ordinarily resided in Antigua and Barbuda for at least fifteen years; or
- (b) be a person who has ordinarily resided in Antigua and Barbuda for at least twenty years preceding the date of application for assistance; and

be a person who is blind or incapacitated and satisfies the conditions in section 54(2) or be a person who satisfies the conditions in section 54(1), as the case may be.

(2) Every application for old age assistance shall be made to the Board in accordance with the conditions and procedure specified in the Regulations.

(3) Regulations made under this Act for purposes of the old age assistance may include —

- (a) establishment of an Old Age Assistance Committee to assist in the determination of applications;

(b) the review of claims;

(c) any other matter necessary for the proper determination of applications.

(4) In this Part —

NO. 3 of 1972 "old age assistance" means a benefit paid under this Part and the term "assistance" shall for the purposes of the Social Security Act, 1972 be construed as a benefit.

Offences and penalties.

56. (1) Any person whether he is a claimant under this Part or not, who makes a statement or furnishes any information to the Board which he knows or has reason to believe is false in any material particular in any declaration, estimates, return or other document which he is authorised under this ~~Part~~ to make is guilty of an offence, and is liable on indictment to a fine of five thousand dollars or to imprisonment for two years or on summary conviction to a fine of two thousand five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for twelve months.

(2) Any person who is convicted under this section shall, if he is a claimant for or in receipt of old age assistance, forfeit all claims to such assistance."

Passed the House of Representatives
this 29th day of April, 1993.

Passed the Senate this 17th day of
May, 1993.

C.L. Murray,
Speaker.

William A. Robinson,
Vice-president.

L.A. Dowe,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

L.A. Dowe,
Clerk of the Senate

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