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Amendments

1. In page 5, between lines 17 and 18, to insert the following:

"(3) Before this Act comes into operation the Minister shall publish a report which outlines the following:

(a) the degree of financial dependence that families with divorced or separated parents have on those parents;

(b) an overview of the legal issues with not providing the same level of access to social protection payments for some children's families based on the marital status of their separated or divorced parents.".

—Ruth Coppinger, Paul Murphy.

2. In page 5, between lines 21 and 22, to insert the following:

"Report

3. The Minister shall, not later than 3 months after the passing of this Act, make a report in writing to each House of the Oireachtas on the estimated number of persons affected and the estimated savings to the Exchequer achieved by the provisions of *sections 4* and *8* to the effect that an entitlement to a pension under this Act can arise no earlier than 22 January 2024.".

—Mark Wall.

3. In page 6, lines 11 and 12, to delete "22 January 2024 or the date of death of the deceased partner, whichever is the later date" and substitute "the date of death of the deceased partner".

—Eoin Hayes.

4. In page 6, to delete lines 37 to 40, and in page 7, to delete lines 1 to 25.

—Louise O'Reilly, Mark Wall, Liam Quaide.

5. In page 7, line 34, to delete "not".

—Louise O'Reilly, Mark Wall, Liam Quaide.

6. In page 7, after line 39, to insert the following:

"(c) includes, notwithstanding section 5A of the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Act 2010, the parties to a civil partnership that was entered into (whether before or after the date referred to in the said section 5A) in a jurisdiction under the laws of which, at the time the civil partnership was entered into, it was not possible for the parties to marry each other by reason of their being of the same sex;".

—Mark Wall.

7. In page 8, to delete lines 4 to 8.

—Louise O'Reilly, Mark Wall.

8. In page 8, to delete lines 4 to 10.

—Liam Quaide.

9. In page 8, line 37, to delete "not".

—Louise O'Reilly, Mark Wall, Liam Quaide.

10. In page 9, line 1, to delete "not".

—Louise O'Reilly, Mark Wall, Liam Quaide.

11. In page 9, to delete lines 13 to 44, and in page 10, to delete lines 1 to 8.

—Louise O'Reilly, Mark Wall, Liam Quaide.

12. In page 10, line 26, to delete "not more than 2 years".

—Louise O'Reilly, Mark Wall, Liam Quaide.

13. In page 11, to delete lines 1 to 4.

—Louise O'Reilly, Mark Wall, Liam Quaide.

14. In page 11, to delete lines 39 to 42, and in page 12, to delete lines 1 and 2.

—Louise O'Reilly, Mark Wall, Liam Quaide.

15. In page 12, lines 32 and 33, to delete "22 January 2024 or the date of death of the deceased partner, whichever is the later date" and substitute "the date of death of the deceased partner".

—Eoin Hayes.

16. In page 13, between lines 2 and 3, to insert the following:

"(5) A person who, having ceased to be entitled to a pension by virtue of that person's marriage or remarriage, his or her entry into a civil partnership or a new civil partnership, or his or her becoming a qualified cohabitant or again becoming a qualified cohabitant shall, on again becoming a widow, widower, surviving civil partner, or surviving qualified cohabitant, be entitled to a pension at the rate which would have been payable had the person not married, remarried,

entered into a civil partnership or a new civil partnership, become a qualified cohabitant or again become a qualified cohabitant where the person—

(a) fails to satisfy the conditions set out in subsection (1), or

(b) on satisfying the conditions set out in subsection (1), is entitled to a pension at a rate below that which would have been payable had the person not married, or remarried, not entered into a civil partnership or a new civil partnership, or not become a qualified cohabitant or again become a qualified cohabitant.”.”.

—Louise O’Reilly, Liam Quaide

17. In page 13, between lines 2 and 3, to insert the following:

“(5) A person whose pension has ceased by virtue of the occurrence of an event referred to in subsection (4) shall, if he or she again becomes a widow, widower, surviving civil partner or surviving qualified cohabitant, be entitled to a pension at the rate which would have been payable had that event not occurred, notwithstanding that the person would but for this subsection—

(a) not be entitled to a pension under subsection (1), or

(b) be entitled to a pension under subsection (1) but at a rate which is less than the rate which would have been payable had that event not occurred.”.”.

—Mark Wall.

18. In page 13, to delete lines 3 to 41, and in page 14, to delete lines 1 to 5.

—Mark Wall.

19. In page 13, to delete lines 6 to 36.

—Louise O’Reilly, Liam Quaide.

20. In page 13, to delete lines 37 to 41.

—Louise O’Reilly, Liam Quaide.

21. In page 23, between lines 30 and 31, to insert the following:

“Review of provisions of Act

20. The Minister shall, not later than 12 months after the commencement of this Act, carry out a review of the operation of this Act, and in particular the impact of the definitions of “civil partner”, “widow” and “widower” in this Act.”.

—Ruth Coppinger, Paul Murphy.

22. In page 23, between lines 30 and 31, to insert the following:

"Review of provisions of Act

20. The Minister shall, not later than 12 months after the commencement of this Act, carry out a review of the operation of this Act.".

—Ruth Coppinger, Paul Murphy.

23. In page 23, between lines 30 and 31, to insert the following:

"Review of provisions of Act

20. The Minister shall, not later than 12 months after the commencement of this Act, carry out a review of the operation of this Act, and in particular the impact this Act has on the financial situation faced by children of divorced and separated parents upon the death of one of those parents.".

—Ruth Coppinger, Paul Murphy.