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Social Security (Amendment) Act, 2016

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I ASSENT

(Sgd.) Elizabeth Carriere
Governor

Date:29.02.16

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (CAP. 18.09).

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Montserrat, and by the Authority of the same as follows:

1 Short title and commencement

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Social Security (Amendment) Act, 2016.
- (2) This Act comes into operation by Order, on a date appointed by the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet.

2 Interpretation

In this Act “**principal Act**” means the Social Security Act, (Cap.18.09).

3 Section 18 amended

Section 18 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following:

“(1) Subject to this Act a person who—

(a) on the day preceding the appointed day is under sixty years of age and is a member of the National Provident Fund under the National Provident Fund Act; or

(b) on or after the appointed day, being over the age of sixteen years and under the age of sixty years, is gainfully occupied in an insurable employment,

shall be insured under this Act in respect of the contingencies in relation to which benefits are provided under section 26(1) and there shall be payable to or in respect of that person, in the prescribed circumstances, the benefits payable under section 26(1).”; and

(b) in subsection (2), by deleting “, or persons under sixteen years of age and of persons of pensionable age, and upwards” and substituting “or persons who have attained pensionable age”.

4 Sections 26A and 26B inserted

The principal Act is amended by inserting the following as sections 26A and 26B:

“26A. Reference to sixty years

If a reference is made in an enactment or other document to sixty years as the age at which age benefits are payable, the reference shall be construed as the pensionable age.

26B. Reduced age benefit

- (1) Despite section 26, an insured person who satisfies the prescribed contributions conditions for the receipt of age benefit may, on attaining the age of sixty years, at his option and in the prescribed manner, make a claim for the payment of a reduced age benefit.
- (2) If a person exercises the option under subsection (1), the age benefit which is payable at the time he makes the claim shall be reduced—
 - (a) in the case of a person who attains the age of sixty years on or before 31 December, 2016, by a monthly rate of 0.25%;
 - (b) in the case of a person who attains the age of sixty years after 31 December, 2016, by a monthly rate of 0.35%; and
 - (c) in the case of a person who attains the age of sixty years after 31 December, 2017, by a monthly rate of 0.5%,

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for each month that the benefit is claimed earlier than the applicable pensionable age.”.

(Sgd.) Shirley Osborne

SPEAKER

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this 18th day of February,
2016

(Sgd.) Judith Baker

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY