

**DRAFT ACT FURTHER AMENDING THE ACT OF THE STATES DATED THE 18TH DAY OF JUNE 1991  
ESTABLISHING A SCHEME TO SUBSIDISE CERTAIN DENTAL CARE**

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## **REPORT**

On 18th June 1991, an Act of the States was approved establishing a scheme to subsidise certain dental care for the youth in Jersey. On 11th November 1992, the States amended the Act to define the target age-group as over 11 years of age but under 25 years of age. The States further amended the scheme on 9th September 1997 to target those between the ages of 11 and 18 and students in full-time education between the ages of 18 and 21. At the same time the States also established an income bar for a household of £25,000 a year above which a person ordinarily resident in that household became ineligible for the scheme. At that time, however, no mechanism for maintaining the income bar was agreed and the purpose of this amendment is to establish the income bar of a position it would have been had it been increased annually, and to establish a mechanism to maintain the income bar relative to the annual increase in prices and wages. The formula is effectively the same used for other non-contributory benefits.

### **Financial and manpower statement**

The effect of the amendment is to keep the scheme in balance with regard to numbers over time. There are no manpower increases resulting from the amendment as the administration of the scheme is mainly outsourced and it is estimated that the scheme will not exceed the budget inscribed for 2001 and estimated for 2002.

Note: The Finance and Economics Committee agreed that it supported the proposed increase in the family income ceiling under the Jersey Dental Scheme from £25,000 to £28,802, on the basis that the relevant budget would not be exceeded.

### **Explanatory Note**

The effect of this Act would be to further amend, with effect from 1st October 2001, the Act of the States dated 18th June 1991 establishing a scheme to subsidise certain dental care.

The proposed change would increase the upper income limit for participation in the scheme, from the year 2001 onwards, by the average annual percentage increase (calculated as at 30th June) of the Retail Prices Index and the Index of Average Earnings published by the Statistics Unit of the Policy and Resources Department.

**Act further amending the Act of the States dated the 18th day of June 1991 establishing a Scheme to subsidise certain dental care**

(Promulgated on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 200-)

**STATES OF JERSEY**

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**THE STATES**, adopting a proposition of the Employment and Social Security Committee, amended as follows their Act dated the 18th day of June 1991 establishing a Scheme to subsidise certain dental care<sup>[1]</sup> (as previously amended by Acts of the States dated 11th November 1992<sup>[2]</sup> and 9th September 1997<sup>[3]</sup> respectively) -

1. In Article 1(2) -

(a) after the definition “dentist” there shall be inserted the following definition -

“ ‘income limit’ means £28,802, increased -

(a) on the first day of October 2001; and

(b) thereafter on the first day of October in each subsequent year while these Regulations remain in force,

by the percentage (if any) by which that amount at which the limit for the time being stands is exceeded by  $\frac{A + B}{2}$ , where -

‘A’ is the percentage rise shown in the Retail Prices Index published by the Statistics Unit of the Policy and Resources Department of the States in the year concerned, and

‘B’ is the percentage rise shown in the Index of Average Earnings published by that unit in that year;”;

(b) after the definition “peer review” there shall be inserted the following definition -

“ ‘percentage rise’ -

(a) when used in reference to the Retail Prices Index, means the percentage (if any) by which that index has increased for the month of June in the year concerned beyond that shown for that month in the previous year in the Retail Price Index; and

(b) when used in reference to the Index of Average Earnings, means the percentage (if any) by which that index has increased as at 30th June in the year concerned beyond that shown as at 30th June in the previous year in the Index of Average Earnings;”.

2. For sub-paragraph (ca) of Article 9(1) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph -

“(ca) subject to paragraph (1B), is ordinarily resident in a household whose total income in the previous year does not exceed the income limit;”.

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<sup>[1]</sup> No. 8219.

<sup>[2]</sup> No. 8480.

<sup>[3]</sup> No. 9111.