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An Act to amend the Welfare Act 1989

(26 September 2016)

The Parliament of the Cook Islands enacts as follows—

- 1 **Title**
This Act is the Welfare Amendment Act 2015-16.
- 2 **Commencement**
This Act comes into force on the day after the date on which it is assented to by the Queen's Representative.
- 3 **Principal Act amended**
This Act amends the Welfare Act 1989.
- 4 **Section 14 amended**
 - (1) Section 14(1) of the Act is repealed and substituted with the following subsection—
 - “(1) A lump sum allowance is payable for a child, in addition to the child benefit in the following circumstance—
 - “(a) if the child is born in the Cook Islands, or is born overseas if the mother of that child is normally resident in the Cook Islands; and
 - “(b) there is or will be a child benefit payable in respect of that child; and
 - “(c) the application for the lump sum allowance is made within 6 months from the date of birth of the child.”
 - (2) Section 14 is amended by adding the following subsection after subsection (3)—

- “(4) For the purposes of this section **normally resident** means the mother of the child has actually resided in the Cook Islands in the 12 months period prior to the birth of the child and returns to actually reside in the Cook Islands within 6 months after the birth of the child.”

This Act is administered by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

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