SOCIAL SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 1981

Date Introduced: 18 November 1981
House: House of Representatives

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

The Social Services Amendment Act 1981 contained provisions for the payment of a double orphan's pension to a person having the care, custody and control of a refugee child. The purpose of this Bill is to correct a drafting defect in the definition of "refugee child".

Provisions

The Social Services Amendment Act 1981 referred only to a child who had refugee status granted by the Australian Government. It does not cover children who have not been granted formal refugee status or those admitted to Australia under special humanitarian programs.

 Clause 3 provides the following definition of refugee child:

- paragraph (a) relates to children who have refugee status granted by the Australian Government;
- paragraph (b) relates to children who are admitted into Australia by the Australian Government as refugees, but do not have refugee status granted by the Australian Government;
- paragraph (c) relates to children who are not technically refugees, but are in similar circumstances to refugees and are admitted into Australia under a special humanitarian program of the Australian Government.
Commencement

The Social Services Amendment Act (No. 2) 1981 will be deemed to have commenced operation on 30 October 1981.

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