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**2007 No.**

**The Housing Benefit (Loss of Benefit)  
(Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2007**

**Amendment of the Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Regulations 2001**

7.—(1) Regulation 17 of the Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Regulations 2001 (circumstances where a reduced amount of housing benefit and council tax benefit is payable) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1), after the words “Subject to” insert “paragraph (4) and”.

(3) After paragraph (3) insert—

“(4) In any case where the housing benefit of an offender or an offender’s family member is subject to both a reduction under this regulation and a reduction by virtue of section 130B of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 (loss of benefit following eviction on certain grounds), any payment of housing benefit which is to be made to the offender in respect of any week in the disqualification period, or to an offender’s family member in respect of any week in the relevant period, shall be reduced in accordance with paragraph (5).

(5) The amount of housing benefit payable in respect of any week in the disqualification period, or relevant period (in the case of an offender’s family member) shall be reduced by the greater of either—

- (a) the amount by which it would be reduced under this regulation; or
- (b) the amount by which it would be reduced under regulation 4 of the Housing Benefit (Loss of Benefit) (Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2007.”.