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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1987 No. 585

## PENSIONS

 The War Pensions (Mercantile Marine) (Amendment)  
 Scheme 1987

Made - - - - 16th March 1987

Coming into force 6th April 1987

The Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 7 of the Pensions (Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine) Act 1939(a), as amended by the Pensions (Mercantile Marine) Act 1942(b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1. This Scheme, which may be cited as the War Pensions (Mercantile Marine) (Amendment) Scheme 1987, amends the War Pensions (Mercantile Marine) Scheme 1964(c) (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Scheme”), and shall come into force on 6th April 1987.

**Abolition of funeral grants**

2.—(1) The principal Scheme shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this Article.

(2) Article 19 (funeral grants) is hereby revoked.

(3) In Articles 22, 23 and 25 for the words “, gratuity or funeral grant” wherever they appear there shall be substituted the words “or gratuity”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Social Services.

16th March 1987

*Trumpington*  
 Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
 Department of Health and Social Security

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(a) 1939 c.83. The powers conferred by section 7 are now vested in the Secretary of State for Social Services by the Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Pensions) Order 1953 (S.I. 1953/1198), article 2, Ministry of Social Security Act 1966 (c.20), section 2, and the Secretary of State for Social Services Order 1968 (S.I. 1968/1699), article 2.

(b) 1942 c.26. (c) S.I. 1964/2058.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Scheme)*

This Scheme, which comes into force on 6th April 1987, removes the provision for payment of funeral grants from the War Pensions (Mercantile Marine) Scheme 1964 to coincide with the abolition of social security death grants.