

The Lord Speaker
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**The Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) (Amendment)
Regulations 2017**

In compliance with the proviso to section 4(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 the Secretary of State for Health invites attention to the fact that SI 2017/555 The Care and Support (Charging and Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 which was made under sections 17(7), (11)(a), and (12)(a), and 125(7) of the Care Act 2014 on 8 March 2017 and came into force on Monday 10th April 2017, has yet to be laid before Parliament. He is informed by the Secretary of State for Health that the reason is because of an unfortunate administrative error which resulted in the regulations being made much later than planned. The Department considered whether it would be possible to put back the date on which the Regulations came into force. The Department considers, however, that the regulations must come into force at the very start of Monday 10th April, so that Local Authorities can start disregarding any war disablement pension from an adult's income when carrying out a financial assessment for the purposes of charging for social care services. This is what Local Authorities, and the veterans who receive war disablement pension are expecting, and the Department considers that veterans must not be disadvantaged as a result of its own administrative error.

The Department deeply regrets this error and apologies to the Lords Speaker for this. We will investigate how the mistake in this case occurred and take action to prevent it happening again.

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