STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 756 (C. 17)

LEGAL AID AND ADVICE, ENGLAND

The Legal Aid Act 1979 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1979

Made - - - - *29th June* 1979

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 14(3) of the Legal Aid Act 1979(**a**), hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Legal Aid Act 1979 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1979.

2. The following provisions of the Legal Aid Act 1979 shall come into force on the 20th July 1979:—

Section 4,

Section 13(1) for the purpose of paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 only, and

Section 13(2) in respect of section 9(2) of the Legal Aid Act 1974(**b**) only.

Dated 29th June 1979. *Hailsham of St. Marylebone*, C.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order brings into force section 4, paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 and part of Schedule 2 of the Legal Aid Act 1979. Section 4(1) amends section 9(1) of the Legal Aid Act 1974 to enable the Lord Chancellor to prescribe the maximum contribution payable by those receiving legal aid and to enable him to prescribe different maxima for different classes of case, and provides for the amount to be contributed by an assisted person out of income to be one quarter instead of one third of the amount by which his disposable income exceeds £1,500 a year; section 4(2) amends section 20(8) of the 1974 Act to require regulations made for the purposes of section 9(1) of that Act as amended to be subject to the approval by resolution of each House of Parliament. Section 13(1) and paragraph 13 of Schedule 1 amend section 9(2) of the 1974 Act by omitting the specified minimum amounts of disposable income and disposable capital, and section 13(2) repeals the words so omitted.

(**a**) 1979 c. 26. (**b**) 1974 c. 4.

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