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DRAFT SPECIAL PENSIONS AMENDMENTS BILL, 2024: INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that the draft Special Pensions Amendment Bill, 2024 ("the Bill") is published for public comment. The Bill proposes amendments to the Special Pensions Act, 1996 (Act No. 69 of 1996 – "the Act"), to—

(a) provide for the retention of benefits that have been determined, by other designated institutions, before the lapse of Part 1 of the Act, the date being 31 December 2006;
(b) allow persons who qualify for more than one benefit to be granted the most advantageous benefit;
(c) provide the surviving spouse or beneficiary the right to a survivor's lump sum benefit of persons who have died or presumed dead in law;
(d) provide for condonation of late applications; and
(e) provide for technical amendments to the Act.

A copy of the Bill and a memorandum on its objects are available on the National Treasury website: www.treasury.gov.za. Written submissions on the proposed amendments may be submitted to commentdraftlegislation@treasury.gov.za, within 30 days after the date of this notice. By making a submission, the commentor agrees that the name of the commentator and the submission may be made public by the National Treasury and the submission will be disclosed if requested in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2000.

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