

*These notes refer to the Sunbeds Act (Northern Ireland)  
2011 (c.19) which received Royal Assent on 3 May 2011*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### OVERVIEW

8. The Act has 19 sections and 2 Schedules. It comprises 3 headings:-

*Offences* – consists of 10 sections and covers the prohibition of the use, sale or hire of a sunbed to persons under the age of 18 with an exemption for medical treatment. It places a duty on operators of sunbed premises to display an information notice. It places a duty on sunbed operators and those who hire or sell sunbeds to provide sunbed users, hirers and buyers with information about the risks associated with sunbed use. It places a duty on operators of sunbed premises and those who hire or sell sunbeds to make protective eyewear available to sunbed users. It also places a duty on sunbed operators and those who hire or sell sunbeds to secure that those who allow people to use sunbeds are trained to a required standard and that all sunbeds for use in sunbeds premises, for hire or for sale meet required standards.

*Enforcement* – comprises 4 sections and relates to the enforcement of provisions of the Act, outlines fixed penalties for particular offences, deals with the obstruction of officers in exercise of their functions under the Act and provides for the registration or licensing of sunbed premises.

*General* – consists of 5 sections and deals with offences committed by corporate bodies and makes provisions in respect of subordinate legislation. It also sets out the title, commencement dates and includes interpretation provisions.

9. *Schedule 1* sets out the enforcement powers available to authorised officers and *Schedule 2* deals with fixed penalties.