



## 2022 CHAPTER 17

### *Interpretation, commencement and short title*

#### **Interpretation**

**21.** In this Act—

“the Department” means the Department of Justice;

“interim stalking protection order” has the meaning given in section 11(1);

“stalking protection order” has the meaning given in section 7(1);

“UK national” means an individual who is—

- (a) a British citizen, a British overseas territories citizen, a British National (Overseas) or a British Overseas citizen,
- (b) a person who under the British Nationality Act 1981 is a British subject, or
- (c) a British protected person within the meaning of that Act.

#### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 21 in operation at 27.4.2022, see [s. 22\(1\)](#)

#### **Commencement**

**22.—(1)** Sections 1 to 5, sections 18 to 21, this section and section 23 come into operation on the day after the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent.

(2) The other provisions of this Act come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022, Cross Heading: Interpretation, commencement and short title. (See end of Document for details)

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(3) The Department may by order make such transitional, transitory or saving provision as the Department considers appropriate in connection with the coming into operation of any provision of this Act.

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** S. 22 in operation at 27.4.2022, see [s. 22\(1\)](#)

**Short title**

**23.** This Act may be cited as the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.

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**Commencement Information**

**I3** S. 23 in operation at 27.4.2022, see [s. 22\(1\)](#)

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