

# HOUSING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2003

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### OVERVIEW

#### **PART IV: Miscellaneous amendments**

##### ***Chapter II: Amendments to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981***

This Chapter amends the definition of a “member of a person’s family” to include persons living together as husband and wife; provides for the Executive to allocate accommodation only to “eligible persons”; and defines who may be treated as an eligible person.

The Chapter adds a new provision to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 requiring the Executive to provide caravan sites for members of the Irish Traveller community. It also empowers the Executive to acquire land with a view to improving the amenity of a housing area; repeals spent provisions relating to previous home insulation grants; allows the Executive to dispose of a group of houses to another landlord where the majority of tenants agree to the disposal; increases from level 3 to level 4 on the standard scale the penalty for obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty; and amends the provisions relating to nomination by the Northern Ireland Housing Council of its members for membership of the Executive.