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**Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000**

**PART II**

**DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION**

**General functions of Commission**

- 4.—(1) The Commission shall have the following duties—
- (a) to work towards the elimination of discrimination against disabled persons;
  - (b) to promote the equalisation of opportunities for disabled persons;
  - (c) to take such steps as it considers appropriate with a view to encouraging good practice in the treatment of disabled persons; and
  - (d) to keep under review the working of the 1995 Act and this Part.
- (2) The Commission may, for any purpose connected with the performance of its functions under this Part—
- (a) make proposals or give other advice to any government department as to any aspect of the law or a proposed change to the law;
  - (b) make proposals or give other advice to any public authority as to the practical application of any law;
  - (c) undertake, or arrange for or support (whether financially or otherwise), the carrying out of research or the provision of advice or information.
- Nothing in this paragraph is to be regarded as limiting the Commission's powers.
- (3) The Commission shall make proposals or give other advice under paragraph (2)(a) on any matter specified in a request from a government department.
- (4) The Commission may make charges for facilities or services made available by it for the purposes of its functions under this Part.
- (5) In this Article—
- “disabled persons” includes persons who have had a disability;
  - “discrimination” means anything which is discrimination for the purposes of any provision of Part II or Part III of the 1995 Act;
  - “the law” includes Community law and the international obligations of the United Kingdom; and
  - “public authority” has the same meaning as in section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.