

*These notes refer to the Disability Rights Commission Act  
1999 (c.17) which received Royal Assent on 27 July 1999*

# **DISABILITY RIGHTS COMMISSION ACT 1999**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 11: Procedure for amending s.7(1) of the 1995 Act***

This section amends subsections (3) to (10) of section 7 of the DDA 1995 (exemption for small businesses). Section 7(2) of that Act enables the Secretary of State by order to amend the threshold exempting small businesses from Part II of the Act (the current threshold is 15). The effect of the amendment is that the requirement for the Secretary of State to conduct a review before making an order to amend the threshold will be replaced by a requirement for the Secretary of State to consult the DRC and, as at present, employer and disability organisations. Before any changes are made, the Secretary of State will be required to publish a summary of the views expressed to him in consultations.