

*These notes refer to the Criminal Cases Review (Insanity) Act 1999 (c.25) which received Royal Assent on 27th July 1999*

# **CRIMINAL CASES REVIEW (INSANITY) ACT 1999**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **SUMMARY**

3. The Act enables the Criminal Cases Review Commission to refer to the Court of Appeal a verdict of “guilty but insane” under the Trial of Lunatics Act 1883 and gives the Court of Appeal powers to hear and dispose of an appeal on such a reference. Although the verdict of guilty but insane was abolished in the 1960s there may still be a small number of people who were the subject of such a verdict and would like to have it reconsidered by the Court of Appeal.