

*These notes refer to the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act  
1999 (c.30) which received Royal Assent on 11 November 1999*

# **WELFARE REFORM AND PENSIONS ACT 1999**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### *Supplementary*

#### *Chapter II – Sharing of State Scheme Rights*

#### *Section 47: Shareable state scheme rights*

This section provides that pension sharing is available in relation to shareable state scheme rights, which are defined in subsection (2). The definition essentially encompasses SERPS rights either earned by the member in his or her own right or derived from a pension share in respect of a previous divorce or nullity of marriage.