

*These notes refer to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33)  
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# **CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 4 – Civil Partnership: Northern Ireland**

##### **Introduction**

##### *Chapter 6 – Miscellaneous*

##### *Section 206: Family homes and domestic violence*

398. This section introduces Schedule 19 (Family homes and domestic violence), which amends the Family Homes and Domestic Violence (Northern Ireland) Order 1998 and related enactments so that they apply in relation to civil partnerships as they apply in relation to marriages. The amendments will mean that civil partners have the same rights to occupy the matrimonial home. In addition civil partners will be able to apply for non-molestation orders and occupation orders. Occupation orders are orders regulating occupation of the home (which may include excluding the respondent from the home and vicinity of the home and prohibiting, terminating or restricting the exercise of the respondent's occupation rights, as appropriate).