

*These notes refer to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33)  
which received Royal Assent on 18th November 2004*

# **CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### *Schedules*

#### *Schedule 27 - Minor and consequential amendments*

#### *Paragraph 55 – Race Relations Act 1976 (c. 74)*

966. *Paragraph 55* amends the definition of “near relative” in section 78(5) of this Act to include civil partners and relatives of civil partners. This affects housing discrimination provisions (sections 20 to 22 of the Race Relations Act as amended) which have the same effect as those in sections 29 to 32 of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (see note on *paragraph 54* above).