

# **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 2005**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 7: Rail vehicles: accessibility compliance certificates***

##### **New section 47C: Rail vehicle accessibility compliance certificates: fees**

94. Section 47C(1) empowers the Secretary of State to make regulations prescribing that fees should be charged for the carrying out of certain administrative tasks relating to the issuing of compliance certificates. Subsection (2) stipulates that any fees received by the Secretary of State under subsection (1) must be paid to the Consolidated Fund. Before making such regulations, the Secretary of State must consult representative organisations.
95. **Section 7(2)** inserts into section 49 of the DDA a new subsection (1)(e) and amends subsection (4). The effect of these amendments is to make it a criminal offence for a person, with intent to deceive, to forge, alter, use, lend, or allow another person to use a rail vehicle accessibility compliance certificate, or to make or have in his possession a document which resembles such a certificate. The amendment to section 49(4) makes it an offence to knowingly make a false statement in order to obtain a rail vehicle accessibility compliance certificate.