

*These notes refer to the Caravans Act (Northern Ireland)  
2011 (c.12) which received Royal Assent on 16 March 2011*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 3: Protection of residential occupiers from eviction and harassment**

##### ***Section 12 – Protection of occupiers against eviction and harassment***

Section 12 protects those living in caravans on residential (protected) caravan sites from eviction (other than through court proceedings) and harassment. It is an offence for the owner of a protected site or their agent to intend to cause the caravan occupier to abandon the caravan, remove it from the site or prevent them having access to their rights or a form of redress by withholding or withdrawing services or doing acts likely to interfere with the peace or comfort of the caravan occupier or anyone living with them.

Sub-section(8) sets out the penalties for a person guilty of such an offence and sub-section (12) enables district councils to prosecute such offences in relation to sites within their districts.