



## 2011 CHAPTER 21

### *Introductory*

#### **High hedge**

- 2.—(1) In this Act “high hedge” means so much of a barrier to light as—
- (a) is formed wholly or predominantly by a line of two or more evergreens; and
  - (b) rises to a height of more than two metres above ground level.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) a line of evergreens is not to be regarded as forming a barrier to light if the existence of gaps significantly affects its overall effect as such a barrier at heights of more than two metres above ground level.

(3) In this section “evergreen” means an evergreen tree or shrub or a semi-evergreen tree or shrub.

(4) But nothing in this Act applies to trees which are growing on land of 0.2 hectares or more in area which is forest or woodland.

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#### **Commencement Information**

- II** S. 2 in operation at 31.3.2012 by [S.R. 2012/20](#), [art. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the High Hedges Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 2.