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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

## Section 12: Withholding of consent to mutual exchange of secure tenancies

Section 12 inserts in Schedule 3A to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 new grounds for withholding consent to an exchange of tenancies. This enables the Housing Executive and registered housing associations to withhold consent to exchanges of tenancies between their tenants where certain orders relating to anti-social behaviour are in force or pending against a party to an exchange or a person residing with them, or where a party to such an exchange or a person residing with them has been convicted of certain offences.