

*These notes refer to the Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland)
2016 (c.18) which received Royal Assent on 9 May 2016*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 13 – Offences

Section 270 – Assisting persons to absent themselves without permission

This section creates several new offences relating to assisting someone to absent themselves without permission from a place in which they are liable to be detained in circumstances amounting to a deprivation of liberty under the Act. A person can only be guilty of an offence under this section if they know that the person they are assisting is liable to be detained under the Act. Conviction can result in a fine, prison term or both.