

*These notes refer to the Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland)  
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2 – Lack of Capacity: Protection from Liability, and Safeguards**

##### *Chapter 9 – Definitions for Purposes of Part 2*

##### *Section 68 – Interpretation of Part 2: general*

Section 68 signposts the reader to various provisions in the Act for definitions of key concepts in the Act, including the general interpretation sections (section 304 to 306) and also provides definitions of treatment that “might be” treatment with serious consequences, “reasonable objection”, “resisted by” and “requirement”. These are relevant to the safeguard provisions in Part 2.