

*These notes refer to the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2016*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 2: Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation**

##### *Section 20: Renewal of licence*

[Section 20](#) provides for the renewal of an existing licence which must be made before the current licence ceases to have effect. As noted above, breach of planning control ([Section 9](#)) and overprovision ([Section 12](#)) are not grounds for refusing an application to renew.