These notes refer to the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.26) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2016

## Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

Commentary on Sections in Part 1 of the Act

## Section 1: Prohibition of sale of nicotine products to persons under 18

Provides a regulation-making power for the Department to prohibit the sale of nicotine products to a person under 18. The penalty for committing this offence is a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale. There is an exemption for persons employed in the industry and a due diligence defence. Section 1 also includes a regulation-making power for the creation of an offence in relation to the proxy purchasing of nicotine products.