

*These notes refer to the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act
(Northern Ireland) 2021 (c.2) which received Royal Assent on 1 March 2021*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1, Chapter 3 – Miscellaneous Provision

Section 27: Protective measures for victims of abuse

This section provides that the Department may, by regulations, make provision to bring forward steps or measures to protect victims of domestic abuse, including through new Domestic Abuse Protection Notices and Orders (though not necessarily limited to this). The section sets out that regulations may cover both alleged and proven behaviour, the age thresholds that would apply, provision around the giving of notices and making of orders, conditions to be met and what requirements (including restrictions or prohibitions) may be imposed. The section also sets out that regulations may include provision about who may make applications for orders, proceedings in which orders may be made or applications may not be needed, notification requirements, the making of orders and appeals. The regulation making powers can also cover geographic extent, breaches, powers of arrest as well as offences and penalties. Regulations may provide for such further matters as are considered appropriate and may also include provision amending statutory provisions.