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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 412**

The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

PART II

CONDUCT OF TENANTS

CHAPTER III

REPOSSESSION, &c. OF DWELLING-HOUSES LET UNDER SECURE TENANCIES

**New ground of domestic violence**

**23.** After Ground 2 in Schedule 3 to the Order of 1983 (as substituted by Article 22) there shall be inserted—

*“Ground 2A*

The dwelling-house was occupied (whether alone or with others) by a married couple or a couple living together as husband and wife and—

- (a) one or both of the partners is a tenant of the dwelling-house,
- (b) one partner has left because of violence or threats of violence by the other towards—
  - (i) that partner, or
  - (ii) a member of the family of that partner who was residing with that partner immediately before the partner left, and
- (c) the court is satisfied that the partner who has left is unlikely to return while the other continues to occupy the dwelling-house.”