

**DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

INTRODUCTION

1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister (“the Department”) in order to assist the reader in understanding the Disability Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (“the Order”). It does not form part of the Order. The Order contains measures corresponding to measures in the Disability Discrimination Act 2005.
2. Disability discrimination is a transferred matter under the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and is therefore within the legislative competence of the Northern Ireland Assembly. However, as devolution is suspended, the Order has been made in accordance with the Schedule to the Northern Ireland Act 2000.