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THE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006

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Term of office

3. (1) Subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, a...

Remuneration and allowances of members

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Staff, etc.

- 5. (1) The Board shall have— (a) a Chief Fire and...
- 6. (1) The Board shall pay to its employees such remuneration...

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Committees

13. (1) The Board may— (a) constitute committees of such of...

Finance

- 14. (1) The Department may make payments to the Board out...
- 15. (1) The Board shall— (a) keep proper accounts and proper...

Annual report

16. (1) As soon as practicable after the end of each...

The Northern Ireland Assembly Disqualification Act 1975 (c. 25)

17. In Part II of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland...

The Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 7)

18. In Schedule 2 to the Commissioner for Complaints (Northern Ireland)...

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20. In this Schedule— "financial year" means— the period beginning with...

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1. In this Schedule "the Authority" means the Fire Authority for...

Transfer of functions

2. (1) The functions exercisable by the Authority immediately before the...

Transfer of assets and liabilities

3. (1) All property, rights and liabilities to which the Authority...

Transfer of employed staff

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References to, and acts, etc. done by, or in relation to, the Authority

5. (1) Any reference in any statutory provision or document to...

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The Land Development Values (Compensation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 (c. 23)

3. In section 43(1) (interpretation), in the definition of "public body",...

The Office and Shop Premises Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (c. 26)

- 4. In section 76(3) (expenses), for "the Fire Services (Northern Ireland)...
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6. In section 12(7) (contracts of the Fire Authority for Northern...

The Pensions (Increase) Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 (c. 35)

- 7. In section 12 (fire service pensions)— (a) in subsection (1),...
- 8. For paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 substitute— A pension payable in accordance with any scheme under the...

The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (NI 2)

9. In Article 35(1) (water for fire fighting), for the words...

The Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (NI 28)

10. In Schedule 13 (hereditaments excluded from exemption), for the words...

The Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (NI 9)

11. In Article 25(5) (provisions supplementary to Articles 23 and 24...

The Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 (NI 19)

- 12. In Article 42(2)(a) (noise in streets), for the words "fire...
- 13. In Article 67(5) (bye-laws as to pleasure fairs), for the...

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 1)

14. In Article 31A(7) (approval of design, construction, etc. of motor...

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (NI 15)

15. In Schedule 1 (licensing places of entertainment)-

The Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (NI 12)

- 16. In Article 2(2) (interpretation), for the definition of "the Fire...
- 17. In Articles 5, 9, 10, 15 and 16, for the...

The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 15)

18. In Schedule 4 (houses in multiple occupation: means of escape...

The Environment and Safety Information (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (NI 14)

19. In Schedule 1 (relevant notices and enforcing authorities)—

The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (c. 22)

20. In Schedule 2 (exempt vehicles)— (a) in paragraph 4(2) (fire...

The Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (c. 21)

21. In section 135(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (restrictions...

The Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 2)

22. In Article 60 (fire authority etc. to be notified of...

The Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (NI 2)

23. In Article 42(1) (exemption for fire engines, etc.) for the...

The Capital Allowances Act 2001 (c. 2)

24. In section 29 (allowances for fire safety)-

The Safety of Sports Grounds (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (NI 2)

- 25. In Article 2(2) (interpretation), for the definition of "the Fire...
- 26. In Article 5 (contents of safety certificates) after paragraph (3)...
- 27. In Articles 6 to 10, 15 to 17 and 23,...
- 28. In Article 7 (amendment etc. of certificates)-
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- 30. In Article 14 (contents of safety certificates for stands) after...

- 31. In Article 16 (amendment etc. of certificates)-
- 32. After Article 16 insert— Safety certificates: fire safety A safety certificate has no effect to the extent that...
- 33. In Article 21(3) (exclusion of other statutory requirements)—

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