

*These notes refer to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Act  
2002 (c.26) which received Royal Assent on 24th July 2002*

# **JUSTICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 2002**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### **Part 4: Youth Justice**

#### **Other Provisions**

#### ***Section 63: Extension of youth justice system to 17 year olds***

131. This section introduces Schedule 11. The amendments made by that Schedule have the effect that persons who have not attained the age of 18 will be treated as children in respect of proceedings against them for criminal offences. At present a “child” is defined as a person who has not attained the age of 17.