

# **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 2005**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 20: Short title, interpretation, commencement and extent***

185. By subsection (7), the 2005 Act generally does not extend to Northern Ireland. This is despite the fact that the DDA, as originally enacted, extends to Northern Ireland as well – but with the modifications referred to in Schedule 8 to the DDA. The reason for this discrepancy, as explained in the note on territorial extent above, is that discrimination is now a transferred matter under the Northern Ireland Act 1998.
186. The blue badge provisions (as defined in subsection (9)) and section 16 (improvements to let dwelling houses) do not extend to Scotland: see subsections (8) and (9). The regulation of parking permits for disabled persons falls within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament. The Scottish Executive is considering what steps to take regarding the making of disability-related improvements.