
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1514

**The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership
(Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019**

PART 9

Amendments: Other Primary Legislation

Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987

142. In Article 8 of the Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987⁽¹⁾ (meaning of “fear” and “hatred”)—

- (a) the existing text becomes paragraph (1),
- (b) after that paragraph insert—
 - “(2) For the purposes of this Part, any discussion or criticism of marriage which concerns the sex of the parties to marriage is not to be taken of itself to be—
 - (a) threatening, abusive or insulting, or
 - (b) intended to stir up hatred or arouse fear.”, and
- (c) in the heading, at the end insert “etc.”.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 142 in force at 13.1.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

⁽¹⁾ [S.I. 1987/463 \(N.I. 7\)](#). Article 8 was amended by section 38 of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (c.24) and by [S.I. 2004/1991 \(N.I. 15\)](#).

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Marriage (Same-sex Couples) and Civil Partnership (Opposite-sex Couples) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2019, Section 142.