



## 2023 CHAPTER 1

### Interpretation

**9.—(1)** In this Act—

“the Department” means the Department of Health,

“operator”, in relation to premises, means the person in charge of providing the treatments referred to in section 1, or the information, advice or counselling referred to in section 2, in those premises.

“record” means—

- (a) To make a recording of sounds; or
- (b) To make a recording of moving images; or
- (c) To make a recording of moving images accompanied by a recording of sounds; or
- (d) To take a photograph,

regardless of the medium on which the recording is made or the method by which the sounds or images are reproduced or produced.

**(2)** In this Act a reference to “premises” is to be read—

- (a) as including a reference to the land on which the premises are situated; and
- (b) in the case of premises which form part only of a building, as a reference to the whole building.

**(3)** For the purposes of this Act a person is attending protected premises if the person is accessing or leaving, or attempting to access or leave, those premises.

**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 9 in operation at 7.2.2023, see [s. 10\(2\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act (Northern Ireland) 2023, Section 9.