

# Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

#### **2012 CHAPTER 9**

#### PART 5

SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE GROUPS, CRIMINAL RECORDS ETC.

# [F1CHAPTER 5

DISREGARDING CERTAIN CONVICTIONS FOR BUGGERY ETC: NORTHERN IRELAND

#### General

# [F1101C Procedure for decisions by the Department of Justice

- (1) In considering whether to make a decision of the kind mentioned in condition A in section 101A, the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland must, in particular, consider—
  - (a) any representations or evidence included in the application, and
  - (b) any available record of the investigation of the offence and of any proceedings relating to it that the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland considers to be relevant.
- (2) The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland may not hold an oral hearing for the purpose of deciding whether to make a decision of the kind mentioned in condition A in section 101A.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies if the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland—
  - (a) decides that it appears as mentioned in condition A in section 101A, or
  - (b) makes a different decision in relation to the matters mentioned in that condition.
- (4) The Department of Justice in Northern Ireland must—
  - (a) record the decision in writing, and
  - (b) give notice of it to the applicant.]

Part 5 – Safeguarding vulnerable groups, criminal records etc.

CHAPTER 5 – Disregarding certain convictions for buggery etc: Northern Ireland

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## **Textual Amendments**

F1 Pt. 5 Ch. 5 inserted (31.1.2017 for specified purposes, 28.6.2018) by Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3), ss. 168(1), 183(4)(5)(e); S.R. 2018/128, art. 2(a)

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### Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2012/2234 art. 13 by S.I. 2014/831 art. 2(2)
- specified provision(s) transitional provisions and savings for commencing S.I. 2013/1814 by S.I. 2013/1813 art. 2-9

## Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

Sch. 1 para. 7A inserted by 2019 c. 3 Sch. 2 para. 20