

*These notes refer to the Civil Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c.20) which received Royal Assent on 3 May 2011*

# Civil Registration Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 25: Access to information in the Adopted Children Register***

Amends the Adoption (NI) Order 1987 to enable regulations to be made which may: 1) make provision for persons to access any information contained in the Adopted Children Register; 2) make provision for the Registrar General to enter into arrangements with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties for the purpose of providing access to information contained in the Adopted Children Register; and 3) make provision for the Registrar General to transfer registration information to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, subject to conditions, for the purpose of providing access to such information. These provisions bring access to the Adopted Children Register into line with other registration records.

This Section also amends the definition of “prescribed” in Article 2(2) of the Adoption (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 to take account of the above.