These notes refer to the Houses in Multiple Occupation Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (c.22) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2016

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

**Part 5: Supplementary** 

Section 76: Unauthorised disclosure of information obtained under Section 73 or 74

An employee of the council commits an offence if they disclose, without lawful authority, any information which the council has obtained under section 73 or 74 and the employee has acquired through their employment and which relates to accommodation that is, or is believed to be, an HMO. This helps to protect the confidentiality of information obtained from other public authorities under that section, which may have originally been obtained under statutory powers and for other purposes.