

*These notes refer to the Protection from Stalking Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.17) which received Royal Assent on 26 April 2022*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### *Sections 1 to 5 - Offences*

##### *Section 4 - Alternative to conviction of the domestic abuse offence*

This section adds the offences of stalking and threatening and abusive behaviour, as alternative convictions in a trial of the domestic abuse offence under the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (NI) 2021.