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## Adoption and Children Act (Northern Ireland) 2022

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

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## Section 84: Restriction on taking children out

Section 84 imposes restrictions on taking children, who are Commonwealth citizens or habitually resident in the United Kingdom, from the United Kingdom to a place outside the United Kingdom, any of the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man for the purpose of adoption. It is an offence unless the proposed adopters have obtained an order under section 83 or the child is removed under the authority of an order under section 59 of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 or section 84 of the Adoption and Children Act 2002. A person will be liable on summary conviction to up to six months' imprisonment or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or both, or, in the event of conviction on indictment, to up to twelve months' imprisonment or an unlimited fine, or both.