



2022 CHAPTER 19

PART 2

Trafficking and exploitation

**Protective measures for victims of slavery or trafficking**

**24.—**(1) The Department of Justice may by regulations make provision—

- (a) enabling or requiring steps to be taken or measures to be imposed for protecting a person who is, or who appears to be at risk of becoming, a relevant victim,
- (b) for the purpose of or in connection with such steps or measures for protecting a person who is, or who appears to be at risk of becoming, a relevant victim.

(2) A reference in this section to a relevant victim is to be construed in the same way as a reference to a qualifying victim in section 18 of the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Criminal Justice and Support for Victims) Act (Northern Ireland) 2015.

(3) Steps or measures which may be provided for in regulations under this section include (but are not limited to) notices or orders.

(4) A draft of regulations under this section must be laid before the Assembly no later than the end of the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which this section comes into operation.

(5) Regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of them has been laid before and approved by a resolution of the Assembly.