

These notes refer to the Private Tenancies Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (c.20)

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PRIVATE TENANCIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2022

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