

*These notes refer to the Defamation Act (Northern Ireland)
2022 (c.30) which received Royal Assent on 6 June 2022*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 13: Consequential amendments and savings etc

Subsections (1) to (3) make consequential amendments to Article 9 of the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 to reflect the new defences of truth and honest opinion. Article 9 of the 1978 Order applies to actions for libel or slander brought by a rehabilitated person based on statements made about offences which were the subject of a spent conviction.

Subsections (4) to (8) contain savings and interpretative provisions.