

These notes refer to the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act (Northern Ireland) 2023 (c.1)

EXPLANATORY NOTES

ABORTION SERVICES (SAFE ACCESS ZONES) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2023

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