#### DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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## Water (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

#### **PART II**

# FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN RELATION TO MATTERS AFFECTING WATER

Abstraction and impounding

#### Orders as to charges for abstractions of water or discharges

- **22.**—(1) Without prejudice to Article 21, the Department may, for the purpose of defraying any expenses incurred by it under this Part in the execution of works for the purpose of ensuring the better use of water, by order make such provision as appears to it to be expedient with respect to the levying of charges on—
  - (a) persons who abstract water from waterways or underground strata;
- (b) persons who discharge any matter into waterways or underground strata; being in each case persons who receive a measurable benefit by reason of the execution of the works.
  - (2) An order under paragraph (1) shall be subject to affirmative resolution.