

*These notes refer to the Protection of Children Act 1999
(c.14) which received Royal Assent on 15 July 1999*

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN ACT 1999

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 10 – Supplemental

20. This section enables the Secretary of State, by means of an Order subject to affirmative procedure, to apply the Protection of Children Act arrangements to adults who are suffering from mental impairment as defined in *section 12(1)*. Since the situation of such adults is in practice indistinguishable from that of the children the Act desires to protect, it follows that they should receive the same protection in due course.