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# **SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD ACT 2001**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **INTRODUCTION**

These explanatory notes relate to the Social Security Fraud Act which received Royal Assent on 11 May 2001. They have been prepared by the Department of Social Security (DSS) in order to assist the reader of the Act and to help inform debate on it. They do not form part of the Act and have not been endorsed by Parliament.

The notes need to be read in conjunction with the Act. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Act. So where a clause or part of a clause does not seem to require explanation or comment, none is given.

#### *Structure of the notes*

The notes start with a brief overview of the Act as a whole and outline the four main elements contained within the Act. The notes are then divided into four parts which reflect the elements of the Act, and which provide the background to the changes. Each part then finishes with a detailed commentary on the clauses relevant to that part.

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