These notes refer to the Civil Partnership Act 2004 (c.33) which received Royal Assent on 18th November 2004

# **CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004**

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

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#### Part 4 – Civil Partnership: Northern Ireland

#### Introduction

#### **Chapter 2** – Dissolution, Nullity and Other Proceedings

### Section 180: Effect of separation order

343. This section provides that, if a civil partner dies without making a will (intestate) at a time when a separation order is in force and the separation is continuing, the rules in respect of the passing of intestate estates shall be applied as if his or her surviving (but separated) civil partner were also dead.