

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

# **CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### *Schedules*

#### *Schedule 27 - Minor and consequential amendments*

#### *Paragraph 135 - Opticians Act 1989 (c. 44)*

1027. Section 29 of the Opticians Act 1989 provides that where an optician dies, his widow may continue to carry on the business for three years. The amendment to the 1989 Act reflects the existing practice of treating “widow” as including “widower” by referring to surviving spouses, and also adds surviving civil partners to this provision.