

*These notes refer to the Inheritance and Trustees' Powers Act 2014 (c.16) which received Royal Assent on 14 May 2014*

# **INHERITANCE AND TRUSTEES' POWERS ACT 2014**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY**

#### ***Family provision***

8. The Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 permits certain family members and dependants to apply to the court to vary the distribution of a deceased person's property, whether that is under the intestacy rules or the terms of a valid will. An application under the 1975 Act is often referred to as a claim for family provision.
9. The Law Commission's review considered the whole of the 1975 Act, including the categories of persons who are entitled to apply for an order under the Act, the factors the court must take into account when considering the application, the powers of the court to make orders and property that the court is able to take into account when making orders.