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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

## **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

Section 11: Grounds for possession: nuisance or annoyance to neighbours, etc.

Ground 2 in Part 1 of Schedule 3 to the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 is a ground for possession of a Housing Executive or housing association tenancy. As originally drafted, Ground 2 would have allowed the court to grant such an order for possession where the tenant had been convicted of "using the accommodation for immoral or illegal purposes". However, no such offence actually exists in law and section 11 therefore inserts the words "an offence involving" in Ground 2. This clarifies the circumstances in which court can grant an order for possession under this Ground.