

# **POLICE (NORTHERN IRELAND) ACT 2003**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **CODES OF PRACTICE**

#### ***Section 43: Codes of practice***

117. **Section 43** amends Article 66 of the 1989 Order on codes of practice. Its effect is that the Secretary of State may provide for a code of practice to have effect with the modifications that he sets out in an order. The modifications must be confined to one or more of the following:
- the effect of the code in relation to a period not exceeding two years specified in the order; and
  - the effect of the code in relation to offences or descriptions of offenders specified in the order.

### **Part 3: General**

#### ***Section 44: Orders and regulations***

118. **Section 44** provides for the making of orders and regulations under the Act. *Subsection (3)* provides that the provisions of sections 15, 16 and 19 may not be commenced, nor the period specified in section 23(6) extended, unless an order to this effect is approved by affirmative resolution of both Houses of Parliament. *Subsection (4)* provides that sections 16 and 19 may not be commenced if devolved government in Northern Ireland is in a state of suspension.

#### ***Section 45 and Schedule 4: Repeals and revocations***

119. **Section 45** gives effect to the repeals and revocations, which are set out in Schedule 4.

#### ***Section 46: Extent***

120. **Section 46** provides that the Act extends only to Northern Ireland.

#### ***Section 47: Short title***

121. **Section 47** provides for the Act's short title.