## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

# NORTHERN IRELAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 2006

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# These notes refer to the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 (c.33)

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