

*These notes refer to the Protection of Freedoms Act
2012 (c.9) which received Royal Assent on 1 May 2012*

PROTECTION OF FREEDOMS ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Commentary on Sections

Part 5: Safeguarding vulnerable groups, criminal records etc.

Chapter 1: Safeguarding of vulnerable groups

Section 78: Corresponding amendments in relation to Northern Ireland

318. [Section 78](#) introduces Schedule 7, which amends the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (“SVGO”). The SVGO provides the framework for the vetting and barring scheme in Northern Ireland.