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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1143**

**The Marriage and Civil Partnership  
(Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020**

**PART 7**

**Amendments of Legislation**

**Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992**

**39.**—(1) The Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992<sup>(1)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In each of sections 48(5)(a)(i) and 48A(6A)(a)(i) (civil partnerships that are to be treated as not coming to an end when converted into a marriage), after “converted into a marriage under” insert “Part 3 of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020, Part 3 or 4 of the Marriage of Same Sex Couples (Conversion of Civil Partnership) Regulations 2014 or”.

(3) In section 48, after subsection (5) insert—

“(6) For the purposes of this section, a marriage is not to be treated as having terminated by reason of its having been converted into a civil partnership under Part 3, 4 or 5 of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020.”.

(4) In section 48A, after subsection (6A) insert—

“(6B) For the purposes of subsection (5)(b), a person is not to be treated as having ceased to be married by reason of the person’s marriage having been converted into a civil partnership under Part 3, 4 or 5 of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020.”.

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(1) 1992 c. 7. Section 48A was substituted by S.I. 1995/3213 (N.I. 22) and was further substituted by paragraph 52 of Schedule 12 to the Pensions Act (Northern Ireland) 2015 (c.5 (N.I.)). Sections 48(5) and 48A(6A) were inserted by S.I. 2019/1514.