

# **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 2005**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 9: Recognition of disabled persons' badges issued outside Great Britain***

#### **New section 21A of CSDPA 1970: Recognition of badges issued outside Great Britain**

110. New section 21A provides for the recognition of non-GB disabled persons' badges ("recognised badges"). Disabled persons' badges issued in Northern Ireland (new section 21A(1)(a)) will be recognised badges, as will badges issued under those provisions of foreign laws which the Secretary of State (for England) and the National Assembly (for Wales) will specify in regulations. Such regulations will also provide for the manner in which a recognised badge must be displayed (new section 21A(3)).
111. Section 21A(4) to (9) make provision in respect of non-GB recognised badges corresponding to existing provisions in respect of British blue badges. These provisions are intended to criminalise, and aid the detection of, the fraudulent use of purportedly genuine badges. The offence in new section 21A(4) mirrors section 21(4E) of CSDPA 1970 which relates to domestic badges. The power to inspect recognised badges (in section 21A(6)) and the following, consequential, subsections mirror the power and provisions in respect of British blue badges contained in section 94 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.