

*These notes refer to the Equality Act 2006 (c.3)
which received Royal Assent on 16 February 2006*

EQUALITY ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Discrimination on Grounds of Religion or Belief

Section 58: Charities relating to religion or belief

220. *Section 58* provides an exception from this Part, where benefits are conferred on persons of a particular religion or belief in pursuance of a charitable instrument, and where restricting the benefit in this way is imposed by reason of or on the grounds of the provisions of the charitable instrument.
221. *Subsection (2)* creates an exception from the provisions of Part 2 for the Charity Commissioners (and, in Scotland, the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator), which exempts these regulators from the provisions of Part 2 when they are exercising a function in relation to a charity in a manner which appears to them expedient in the interests of the charity.