

*These notes refer to the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 1 May 2012*

# **LEGAL AID, SENTENCING AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENDERS ACT 2012**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY**

#### **Part 3: Sentencing and punishment of offenders**

##### *Chapter 1: Sentencing*

#### **Requirements under community orders and suspended sentence orders**

##### *Section 75: Alcohol treatment requirement*

410. **Section 75** amends section 212 of the 1991 Act, which makes provision in relation to alcohol treatment requirements.
411. It removes the requirement that the period of an alcohol treatment requirement must be at least six months. The effect of this is that there will be no minimum period. The change provides the court with greater discretion in determining the appropriate length of the requirement.