STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 163 (C. 10)

DISABLED PERSONS

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Commencement No. 7) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001

Made - - - - 10th April 2001

The Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 70(3) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995(**1**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Commencement No. 7) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**2**) shall apply to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Appointed days

2.—(1) The days appointed for the coming into operation of section 37 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995(**3**) (carrying of guide dogs and hearing dogs in taxis) are—

(a) 1st June 2001 for the purposes of—

(i) the issue of certificates of exemption by the Department of the Environment pursuant to section 37(5), (6) and (7); and

(ii) the prescription of the notices of exemption pursuant to section 37(8)(b); and

(b) 1st August 2001 for all other purposes.

(2) The day appointed for the coming into operation of section 38 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995(**4**) (appeal against refusal of exemption certificate) is 1st June 2001.

(**1**) 1995 c. 50; section 70(3) is modified in its application to Northern Ireland by paragraph 48(1) of Schedule 8; *see also* S.R. 1999 No. 481, Article 8(*a*) and Schedule 6, Part I for transfer of functions
(**2**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(**3**) Section 37 is modified in its application to Northern Ireland by paragraph 21 of Schedule 8
(**4**) Section 38 is modified in its application to Northern Ireland by paragraph 22 of Schedule 8

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister on 10th April 2001.

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