



Northern Ireland
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Domestic Abuse and Family Proceedings Bill
Notice of Amendments tabled on
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New Clause

After clause 14 insert -

‘Offence of coercive abortion

14A. After Regulation 11 of the Abortion (Northern Ireland) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (Offence to terminate a pregnancy otherwise than in accordance with these Regulations), insert—

“Offence of coercive abortion

11A.—(1) A person commits an offence if they take the following actions towards a pregnant woman which leads to a termination of pregnancy—

- (a) using force or the threat of force;
- (b) psychological or emotional abuse;
- (c) controlling or coercive behaviour; or
- (d) administering any substance capable of causing a termination without the informed consent of that pregnant woman.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies regardless of whether the person—

- (a) knew the woman was pregnant;
- (b) intended to cause a termination of pregnancy.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for life.”

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