EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The existing Regulations provide for a normal period of probation of two years for teachers entering service in Northern Ireland, at the end of which recognition is confirmed or withdrawn or the period of probation is extended.

The purpose of these amending Regulations is to provide for a normal period of probation of six terms, to allow for a decision on a teacher's recognition to be deferred in certain circumstances, and to permit the provisional recognition on probation of a teacher whose recognition had previously been withdrawn.

They also amend the definitions of categories (*c*) and (*d*) of pupils requiring special educational treatment.

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MENTAL HEALTH

REGULATIONS, DATED 18TH DECEMBER, 1962, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1961.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 24 and 112 of the Mental Health Act (Northern Ireland), 1961(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Mental Health (Formal Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1962.

2. The Mental Health (Formal Procedures) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1962(b), shall be amended by substituting the following paragraph for paragraph 4 of Form No. 14a in the Schedule—

"4. *Order for discharge of patient.*

A nearest relative has the right to make an order in writing to the management committee for the discharge of a patient who is liable to be detained in hospital or subject to guardianship (other than under an order of the court or by direction of the Minister of Home Affairs), provided that, in the case of a patient detained in hospital, the nearest relative gives not less than seventy-two hours' notice in writing to the management committee. In the event of the responsible medical officer advising against discharge the management committee is required to inform the nearest relative, who may apply to the Review Tribunal within the period of twenty-eight days beginning with the day on which he is informed.

[Secs. 35 and 36 of the Act]"

(a) 1961. c. 15. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 55.