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State

Northern Ireland
Assembly

**THE NORTHERN IRELAND ASSEMBLY
THE NORTHERN IRELAND (ROYAL ASSENT TO BILLS)
ORDER 1999**

The following Letters Patent were signed by Her Majesty The Queen on 24 February 2012 in respect of the Rates (Amendment) Bill (2/11-15)

“ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, To the Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly GREETING:

WHEREAS you the Members of the Northern Ireland Assembly have passed a Bill the short title of which is set out in the Schedule hereto

but the said Bill does not become an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly without Our Royal Assent;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Northern Ireland Act 1998 the said Bill has been submitted to Us by the Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP one of Our Principal Secretaries of State for our Royal Assent,

We have therefore caused these Our Letters Patent to be made and have signed them and by them We give our Royal Assent to the said Bill COMMANDING Master Charles William Grant Redpath the Clerk of the Crown for Northern Ireland to seal these Our Letters with the Great Seal of Northern Ireland AND ALSO COMMANDING that these Our Letters be notified to the Presiding Officer of the Northern Ireland Assembly;

AND FINALLY WE declare that, in accordance with the Northern Ireland Act 1998, at the beginning of the day on which Our Royal Assent has been notified as aforesaid the said Bill shall become an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

In Witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent

WITNESS Ourselves at Buckingham Palace

on the 24th day of February 2012

in the sixtieth year of Our Reign

By the Queen Herself Signed with Her own Hand”

SCHEDULE

RATES (AMENDMENT) BILL

A Bill to amend the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977. (1)