



Thirlage Act 1799

1799 CHAPTER 55 39 Geo 3

An Act for encouraging the improvement of lands
subject to the servitude of thirlage in
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Scotland.

[13th June 1799]

Whereas it is found by experience that the servitude of thirlage, and right of mill services incident thereto in^{F1} Scotland, are very unfavourable to the general improvement of the country, by checking the industry of the occupiers of the ground, and by occasioning troublesome and expensive litigation, and that it is highly expedient that it should be allowed to persons subject to such servitude to compensate or to commute the same by a fixed annual payment in lieu and satisfaction of the said right of thirlage, and of all services, prestations and restrictions thereto incident or pertaining, and in some cases to make an entire and complete purchase of the same for a fair and adequate price:

Textual Amendments

F1 Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), s. 4\(b\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Act: repealed (S.) (*prosp.*) by [2000 asp 5, ss. 76\(2\), 77\(2\)\(a\)\(d\)](#), [Sch. 13 Pt. 1](#) (with ss. 58, 62, 75)

C2 Short title “The Thirlage Act 1799” given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)

C3 Certain words of enactment repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1888 \(c. 3\)](#)

C4 Certain words of enactment and other words omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), s. 3\(1\)\(a\)\(d\)](#)

C5 Tenures abolition Act 1746 cited or referred to by its short title under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1893 \(c. 14\), s. 3](#)

Changes to legislation:

Thirlage Act 1799, Introductory Text is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 29 August 2022. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Thirlage Act 1799

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.S.I. 2003/456 art. 2](#) commences (2000 asp 5)