

*These notes relate to the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act
2001 (asp 8) which received Royal Assent on 5 July 2001*

REGULATION OF CARE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2001

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Commentary on sections

Part 3: the Council

Offence

Section 52: Use of title “social worker” etc.

152. This section provides for protection of the title “social worker” by the creation of an offence punishable by a fine up to level 5 on the standard scale (£5000 at present), for a person who is not registered as a social worker (whether in Scotland or elsewhere in the UK) to use that title or hold themselves out as a registered social worker with an intention to deceive. Subsection (1)(b) provides that Scottish Ministers may prescribe by order other job titles to be protected under this section.
153. Registration as a social worker with the Council will in effect grant a license to practise and thereby provide access to work with vulnerable people.