

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

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*These notes relate to the Homelessness etc. (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp 10)*

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**PARLIAMENTARY HISTORY OF HOMELESSNESS ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003**