

*These notes relate to the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005  
(asp 16) which received Royal Assent on 21 December 2005*

# **LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON PARTS**

#### **Part 3 – Premises Licences**

##### ***Section 31 – Variation to substitute new premises manager***

70. This section deals with a change of premises manager in relation to any premises. Licensed premises cannot operate without a premises manager being in post (see paragraph 4 of schedule 3). Where there is a change of premises manager, before the new premises manager can act as such, his or her name needs to be added to the licence. This section allows for the proposed new premises manager to take up post pending the granting of an application to vary the premises licence so as to add the new premises manager's name to it. This helps to ensure that changes of premises manager can take effect quickly so as to enable businesses to continue to operate with the minimum disruption.