

## Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006

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- (1) Section 18 of the 1981 Act (occupancy rights of cohabiting couples) shall be amended in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) In subsection (1)—
  - (a) after "wife" there shall be inserted "or two persons of the same sex are living together as if they were civil partners";
  - (b) after "wife (", there shall be inserted "in either case"; and
  - (c) for "man and the woman" there shall be substituted "entitled partner and the non-entitled partner".

(3) In subsection (2)—

- (a) for "a man and a woman" there shall be substituted "two persons"; and
- (b) in paragraph (b), for the words from "are" to the end of that paragraph there shall be substituted "is any child—
  - (i) of whom they are the parents; or
  - (ii) who they have treated as a child of theirs.".