

*These notes relate to the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006
(asp 2) which received Royal Assent on 20 January 2006*

FAMILY LAW (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Amendments of Damages (Scotland) Act 1976

Section 35: Amendments of Damages (Scotland) Act 1976

54. This section provides for amendment of the Damages (Scotland) Act 1976 whereby the definition of “immediate family” set out in Schedule 1 to that Act is extended to include any person who accepted the deceased as a child of the person’s family, any person who was the brother or sister of the deceased and any person who was the grandparent or grandchild of the deceased. In addition, persons who are related by affinity, for example son-in-law and mother-in-law, will no longer be entitled to sue for grief and suffering (known as non-patrimonial loss).