

*These notes relate to the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland)  
Act 2010 (asp 13) which received Royal Assent on 6 August 2010*

# **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 7 - Mental Disorder and Unfitness for Trial**

##### ***Section 171 – Abolition of common law rules***

729. The effect of section 171 is to abolish any existing common law rules regarding the special defence of insanity, the plea of diminished responsibility and the plea of insanity in bar of trial.