

*These notes relate to the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland)  
Act 2011 (asp 6) which received Royal Assent on 7 April 2011*

# **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT – COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 3 – Deer**

#### ***Section 31 – Action intended to prevent suffering***

196. **Section 31** of the Act amends section 25 of the 1996 Act, which provides an exception to the offences in the 1996 Act where the action taken is to prevent suffering. Section 31 adds starvation (where there is no reasonable chance of recovery) to the existing exceptions which relates to injury or disease.