

*These notes relate to the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland)  
Act 2003 (asp 13) which received Royal Assent on 25 April 2003*

# **MENTAL HEALTH (CARE AND TREATMENT) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 20 – Absconding**

##### ***Section 301: absconding etc. by patients subject to compulsory treatment order***

605. **Section 301** provides that patients who are subject to a compulsory treatment order which authorises detention in hospital or which imposes a requirement that the patient resides at a specified address or has to notify a change of address, and who absconds or fails to comply with any condition or requirement in the order, is liable to be taken into custody and made subject to the provisions of section 303.