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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order makes amendments to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation) Order 2000 (“the 2000 Order”).

Articles 3 and 5 make amendments that relate to foster and other children. Article 3 inserts a definition of “foster child”. Article 5 adds foster children and those brought up or treated as someone’s child to the list of persons who are treated as being members of the same family for the purposes of the 2000 Order.

Article 4 makes amendments to article 2(2) of the 2000 Order which lists houses that are exempt from the licensing requirements. Other than a “secure accommodation service” (which is an addition to the 2000 Order exemptions), these amendments largely update terminology and statutory references that have now been superseded by the Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001.