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# Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984

## 1984 CHAPTER 36

### <sup>F1F2</sup>PART V

#### ADMISSION TO AND DETENTION IN HOSPITAL AND GUARDIANSHIP

##### *Duration of authority for detention and discharge of patients: hospital*

### 31 Special provisions as to patients absent without leave: hospital.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Act (except ss. 10(1)(b)(c)(2), 95) repealed (S.) (5.10.2005) by [Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(asp 13\), s. 333\(2\), sch. 5 Pt. 1](#) (as amended by [S.S.I. 2005/465, art. 1, sch. 1 para. 32\(28\)](#) and with savings and transitional provisions in [S.S.I. 2005/452](#)); [S.S.I. 2005/161, art. 3](#) (as substituted (1.7.2005) by [S.S.I. 2005/375, art. 2](#) and as amended (22.9.2005) by [S.S.I. 2005/459, art. 2](#))
- F2** Act (except ss. 10, 95, 130) repealed (5.10.2005) by [The Mental Health \(Care and Treatment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2003 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2078\), art. 1\(2\), Sch. 3](#) (with [art. 16\(2\)](#)) (see [S.S.I. 2005/161, art. 3](#)); and ss. 53, 54 expressed to be amended (5.12.2005) in so far as still in force by [2004 c. 33, s. 263\(10\)\(c\), Sch. 28 paras. 50, 51](#); [S.S.I. 2005/604, art. 2\(c\), 4](#); and s. 66A expressed to be amended (1.10.2009) in so far as still in force by [2005 c. 4, s. 148\(1\), Sch. 9 para. 40](#); [S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2\(d\)](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act applied by [1996 c. 46 Sch. 2 para. 9](#)(replacing [1968 c 20 s. 23](#)) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 2 repealed (31.3.2005) without ever being in force by 2004 c. 28, Sch. 11; S.I. 2005/579, art. 3(i))
- Act applied by [1996 c. 46 Sch. 2 para. 4](#)(replacing [1957 c 53 s. 63](#)) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). Sch. 2 repealed (31.3.2005) without ever being in force by 2004 c. 28, Sch. 11; S.I. 2005/579, art. 3(i))
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 13(1)(aa) inserted by [2000 asp 4 s. 38\(4\)](#)

**Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1984**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/1604 art. 2](#) commences ([2005 c. 4](#))