



Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 40

An Act, as respects Scotland, to make new provision for the regulation of charities; to provide for the establishment of a board having functions in connection with the provision of conveyancing and executry services by persons other than solicitors, advocates and incorporated practices; to provide as to rights of audience in courts of law, legal services and judicial appointments, and for the establishment and functions of an ombudsman in relation to legal services; to amend the law relating to liquor licensing; to make special provision in relation to the giving of evidence by children in criminal trials; to empower a sheriff court to try offences committed in the district of a different sheriff court in the same sheriffdom; to provide as to probation and community service orders and the supervision and care of persons on probation and on release from prison and for supervised attendance as an alternative to imprisonment on default in paying a fine; to amend Part I of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1987 with respect to the registration and enforcement of confiscation orders in relation to the proceeds of drug trafficking; to amend section 24 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987; to provide a system for the settlement by arbitration of international commercial disputes; to amend Part II of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977; and to make certain other miscellaneous reforms of the law. [1st November 1990]

^{X1}Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Editorial Information

X1 The text of ss. 71, 75 was taken from S.I.F. Group 1 (Agency), ss. 66, 75, Sch 7 from S.I.F. Group 5 (Arbitration), ss. 1–15, 73, 75 from S.I.F. Group 19 (Charities), ss. 72, 74, 75, Sch. 8 para. 33, Sch. 9 from S.I.F. Group 27 (Companies), ss. 35, 74, 75, Sch. 4, Sch. 8 paras. 26, 38 from S.I.F. Group 36:1 (Courts, Scotland), ss. 60–63, 74, 75, Sch. 6, Sch. 8 paras. 27, 28, 30, 37 from S.I.F. Group 39:1

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(Criminal Law), ss. 56–59, 70, 75 from S.I.F Group 47 (Evidence), ss. 45–55, 74, 75, Sch. 5, Sch. 8 Pt. I (paras. 1–18), Sch. 9 from S.I.F. Group 68A:2 (Intoxicating Liquor), and ss. 16–44, 64, 65, 67–69, 73–75, Schs. 1–3, Sch. 8 paras. 19–25, 29, 31, 32, 34–36, 39, Sch. 9 from S.I.F. Group 76:2 (Lawyers and Notaries).

Extent Information

E1 Act extends to Scotland but for minor exceptions see [s. 75\(6\)\(7\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Act: power to modify conferred (2.4.2001) by [2000 c. 39, s. 7\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2001/766, art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)

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

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 21A(1)(c) words substituted by [2007 asp 5 Sch. 5 para. 3\(7\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- s. 33(6) inserted by [2007 asp 5 Sch. 5 para. 3\(11\)](#)