

*These notes refer to the Scotland Act 2012 (c.11)  
which received Royal Assent on 1st May 2012*

# **SCOTLAND ACT 2012**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND APPLICATION**

7. The Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
8. The Act contains provisions that trigger the Sewel Convention. As the Act changes the devolution settlement for Scotland, the Act contains provisions which alter the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament (for example, section 10 relating to air weapons) and provisions which alter the executive competence of the Scottish Ministers (for example, section 20 relating to the power to prescribe drink-driving limits). The Scottish Parliament gave its consent to the provisions in the Act that trigger the Sewel Convention on 18 April 2012.