
S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S

1985 No. 2055 (C. 50) (S. 157)

CRIMINAL LAW, SCOTLAND

**The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985
(Commencement No. 2) Order 1985**

Made - - - - 6th December 1985

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 60(3)(b) and (5) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985(a) and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I hereby make the following order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1985.

2. Section 36 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985 shall come into force on 1st January 1986.

Lord Advocate's Chambers,
6th December 1985.

Cameron of Lochbroom,
Lord Advocate.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This order brings into force on 1st January 1986 section 36 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1985.

Section 36 of the 1985 Act amends the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21) so that in trials involving certain sexual offences the defence will be prohibited from leading evidence or asking questions about the alleged victim's sexual character, previous sexual behaviour or whether the alleged victim is a prostitute or associates with prostitutes. The section also provides exceptions to that general prohibition and the defence will be allowed to lead evidence or ask questions if the court is satisfied that they fall within these exceptions.

(a) 1985 c. 73.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The following provisions of the 1985 Act have been brought into force by commencement order made before the date of this order:—

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 35	1. 1. 1986	1985/1908
Section 50	1. 2. 1986	1985/1908