

*These notes relate to the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 8) which received Royal Assent on 1 July 2005*

# **PROHIBITION OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 5 – Penalties for offences***

22. On summary conviction the penalties for the new offences will be the same as those that currently apply under the 1985 Act. However on conviction on indictment, the maximum penalty is increased from 5 to 14 years' imprisonment. These are the same penalties as apply in England, Wales and Northern Ireland under the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003.