



# Legal Services (Scotland) Act 2010

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### PART 2

#### REGULATION OF LICENSED LEGAL SERVICES

### CHAPTER 1

#### APPROVED REGULATORS

#### *Change of regulator*

#### **44 Step-in by Ministers**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision which establishes a body with a view to its becoming an approved regulator.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations make provision which allows them to act as an approved regulator in such circumstances as the regulations may prescribe.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (2) may provide for this Part to apply with or subject to such modifications as the regulations may specify.
- (4) No regulations are to be made under subsection (1) or (2)—
  - (a) without the Lord President's agreement, and
  - (b) unless the Scottish Ministers believe that their intervention under this section is necessary, as a last resort, in order to ensure that the provision of legal services by licensed providers is regulated effectively.