

*These notes relate to the Historic Environment (Amendment) (Scotland)  
Act 2011 (asp 3) which received Royal Assent on 23 February 2011*

# **HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (AMENDMENT) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

3. The Act is an amending piece of legislation and its extent and content are formed by a series of amending provisions identified by Historic Scotland and local government, and during the course of discussions with stakeholders during 2007, which followed the publication of a report by the Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland on the need for a review of heritage legislation in Scotland.<sup>1</sup>
4. The Act harmonises aspects of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 and the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 and aligns aspects of the historic environment legislation with the planning regime.

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**1** The Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland (HEACS) Report: *Whether there is a need to review heritage protection legislation (August 2006)*. <http://www.heacs.org.uk/documents/2006/heritageprotection.pdf>