



# Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003

## 2003 asp 13

### PART 20

#### ABSCONDING

##### *Effect of unauthorised absence*

#### **307 Effect of unauthorised absence ending after expiry of compulsory treatment order**

- (1) Where the unauthorised absence of a patient who is subject to a compulsory treatment order ceases—
- (a) within a period of 3 months beginning with the day on which it began; and
  - (b) after the day when the compulsory treatment order to which the patient was subject would, but for this subsection, have ceased to authorise the measures specified in it,
- the order shall be treated as having continued in effect and, subject to subsection (3) below, as continuing in effect until the end of the period of 14 days beginning with the day on which the patient's unauthorised absence ceased.
- (2) The patient's responsible medical officer shall, during the period of 14 days referred to in subsection (1) above, carry out a review of the compulsory treatment order to which the patient is subject by complying with the requirements set out in section 77(3) of this Act.
- (3) Subsections (4) to (6) of section 305 of this Act apply for the purposes of a review under subsection (2) above as they apply for the purposes of a review under subsection (2) of that section.
- (4) Where—
- (a) the compulsory treatment order to which a patient is subject is, under this section, treated as continuing in effect; and
  - (b) the patient's unauthorised absence—

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(i) began at a time when a review of the order was being carried out under section 77 or 78 of this Act; and

(ii) lasted for 28 consecutive days or any shorter period,

then anything done by the patient's responsible medical officer for the purposes of that review which (apart from this subsection) would fall to be done for the purposes of a review under this section need not, for those latter purposes, be done.

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#### Commencement Information

**II** [S. 307](#) in force at 5.10.2005 by [S.S.I. 2005/161](#), [art. 3](#) (as substituted (1.7.2005) by S.S.I. 2005/375, art. 2 and as amended (22.9.2005) by S.S.I. 2005/459, art. 2)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 64(8A)(8B) inserted by [2015 asp 9 s. 1\(2\)](#)
- s. 65(7) inserted by [2015 asp 9 s. 1\(3\)](#)