

**2006 No. 239 (C.21)**

**LICENSING (LIQUOR)**

**The Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (Commencement No. 1 and  
Transitional Provisions) Order 2006**

*Made* - - - -

*4th May 2006*

The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 146(2) and 150(2) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005<sup>(a)</sup> and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:

**Citation and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) This Order may be cited as the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (Commencement No. 1 and Transitional Provisions) Order 2006.

(2) In this Order, “the Act” means the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005.

**Appointed day**

**2.** 1st June 2006 is appointed as the day for the coming into force of the following provisions of the Act—

- (a) subsections (1) to (3) and (6) of section 105; and
- (b) section 149 and schedule 7 so far as relating to the repeal in section 68(2) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976<sup>(b)</sup> of the words “in licensed premises buy or attempt to buy alcoholic liquor nor”.

**Transitional provisions**

**3.** In the period until section 102 of the Act comes into force, subsection (2) of section 105 of the Act is to have effect as if, for the words “is being committed under section 102”, there were substituted “of selling alcoholic liquor to a person under 18 is being committed under section 68(1) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976”.

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<sup>(a)</sup> 2005 asp 16.  
<sup>(b)</sup> 1976 c.66.

4. Until provision is made to the contrary by way of an order under section 145 of the Act, only the chief constable of the Fife police force may authorise a child or young person for the purpose referred to in subsection (2) of section 105 of the Act.

St Andrew's House,  
Edinburgh  
4th May 2006

*GEORGE LYON*  
Authorised to sign by the Scottish Ministers

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into force on 1st June 2006 subsections (1) to (3) and (6) of section 105 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 (“the Act”). Those subsections make it an offence for a person under 18 to buy or attempt to buy alcohol, but provide that no offence is committed where purchase is by a person under 18 who is authorised by a chief constable for the purpose of determining whether a person is committing the offence of selling alcohol to a person under 18. The Order also commences the repeal of the provision in the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976 which currently criminalises the purchase of alcohol by a person under 18.

Articles 3 and 4 of the Order make transitional provision. In particular, only the chief constable of the Fife police force may meantime give an authorisation to a person under 18 for the purpose of section 105(2) of the Act.

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