



# Children (Scotland) Act 1995

## 1995 CHAPTER 36

### PART II

PROMOTION OF CHILDREN'S WELFARE BY LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES AND BY CHILDREN'S HEARINGS ETC.

### CHAPTER I

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

#### *Introductory*

**18 Duty of persons with parental responsibilities to notify change of address to local authority looking after child**

- (1) Where a child is being looked after by a local authority, each natural person who has parental responsibilities in relation to the child shall, without unreasonable delay, inform that authority whenever the person changes his address.
- (2) A person who knowingly fails to comply with the requirement imposed by subsection (1) above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of level 1 on the standard scale; but in any proceedings under this section it shall be a defence that—
  - (a) the change was to the same address as that to which another person who at that time had parental responsibilities in relation to the child was changing; and
  - (b) the accused had reasonable cause to believe that the other person had informed the authority of the change of address of them both.