

*These notes refer to the Scotland Act 2012 (c.11)
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SCOTLAND ACT 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS (AND SCHEDULES)

Part 1: the Parliament and Its Powers

Section 6: Bills: statements as to legislative competence

32. This section amends section 31(1) of the 1998 Act so as to require anyone in charge of a Bill, not just Ministers, to make a statement on or before introduction of the Bill, that the Bill is within the Parliament's legislative competence. The new requirement will apply to backbench MSPs introducing Members Bills, committee convenors introducing Committee Bills and private individuals and organisations introducing Private Bills.