

*These notes relate to the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003  
(asp 2) which received Royal Assent on 25 February 2003*

# LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### THE ACT – AN OVERVIEW

#### **Part 1 Access Rights**

##### *Section 12: Bylaws in relation to land over which access rights are exercisable*

57. This section confers power on local authorities to make bylaws. Paragraph 8 of schedule 2 amends the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in consequence of this new bylaw making power.
58. Subsection (1) sets out the general purposes for which bylaws can be made and subsection (2) sets out some particular examples of matters which might be addressed by bylaws.
59. Subsection (3) clarifies that any bylaws made under this section must not interfere with the exercise of any public right of way or of navigation, or with any functions of a statutory undertaker as defined in section 32.
60. Subsection (4) applies the process for the confirmation of bylaws by Ministers set out in the [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1973 \(c.65\)](#) to the making of bylaws under this section, subject to the modifications specified in subsection (5). Subsections (6) and (7) set out consultation requirements. Subsection (8) sets out the circumstances when those consultation requirements can be relaxed.