

*These notes relate to the Family Law (Scotland) Act 2006  
(asp 2) which received Royal Assent on 20 January 2006*

# **FAMILY LAW (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT**

#### *Aliment*

#### ***Section 20: Variations of agreements on aliment: powers of court***

34. This section inserts three new subsections after subsection (2) of section 7 of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985 whereby the court can award a retrospective and/or interim variation of registered minutes of agreement entered into between separating parties which regulate the parties' financial affairs. Aliment is the duty between a husband and wife to maintain each other, and the duty a parent has to maintain a child. This is usually manifested in financial provision between spouses after divorce and financial provision made to a child by a person who is legally obliged to support that child.