

*These notes relate to the Custodial Sentences and Weapons (Scotland)  
Act 2007 (asp 17) which received Royal Assent on 19 April 2007*

# **CUSTODIAL SENTENCES AND WEAPONS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON PARTS**

#### **Part 2 - Confinement and Release of Prisoners** **CHAPTER 3**

#### *Community and Life Licences*

#### **Community Licences**

#### *Section 31 - Community licences in which Scottish Ministers may specify conditions*

68. This section provides that, in a case where the Scottish Ministers release a prisoner without referring the case to the Parole Board, the Scottish Ministers can include such conditions as they consider appropriate upon the prisoner being released on community licence either on the expiry of the custody part or as a result of being granted compassionate release. Subsection (2) also provides that the Scottish Ministers must include the standard conditions specified at section 28 and, if applicable, the supervision conditions. Subsection (3) allows Scottish Ministers to vary or cancel conditions or include such further conditions as they consider appropriate. Subsection (4) provides that in exercising such powers they must co-operate with the appropriate local authority, as defined in section 9.