

*These notes relate to the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 4) which received Royal Assent on 15 January 2007*

# **ADOPTION AND CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Chapter 2**

#### ***The Adoption Process***

#### ***Section 20 - Restrictions on removal: child placed for adoption with consent***

81. Where a child has been placed for adoption by an adoption agency, with consent of the child's parents, subsection (2) provides that the parents cannot remove the child from the care of the prospective adopters without the leave of the adoption agency or the appropriate court.
82. Subsection (3) makes it an offence to remove a child in breach of subsection (2). The offence is punishable by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months, a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or both.