

These notes relate to the Certification of Death (Scotland) Act 2011 (asp 11) which received Royal Assent on 20 April 2011

CERTIFICATION OF DEATH (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Referral of medical certificates of cause of death for review

Section 6: Request for review not to stay registration

24. **Section 6** provides for a request for the registration of a death not to be stayed. This is available where there has been a referral of the certificate under the random sampling provision in section 24A(1) of the 1965 Act, inserted by section 2. Requests for this process are to be made to the registrar who will then refer the case to the medical reviewer for a decision. The application must include a statement by the applicant of the circumstances that might justify use of the process. In practice a copy of the medical certificate of cause of death will be sent to the medical reviewer (the original certificate will follow the copy by the usual means).