

*These notes relate to the Local Government Finance (Unoccupied Properties etc) (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 11) which received Royal Assent on 5 December 2012*

# **LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE (UNOCCUPIED PROPERTIES ETC) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2012**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY OF SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 4 – Abolition of housing support grants***

18. This section removes the requirements in the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987<sup>1</sup> on the Scottish Ministers to pay housing support grants to local authorities. These grants are payable by the Scottish Ministers to assist local authorities to meet reasonable housing needs in their areas. Section 4 removes the legislative requirement to pay such grants from 1 April 2013. Two consequential changes to other legislation are also made.

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**1** <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1987/26/contents>