

# COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 7: Football Clubs**

##### **Facilitation of supporter involvement in football clubs**

360. [Section 99\(1\)](#) confers power on the Scottish Ministers to bring forward regulations which may facilitate:
- supporter involvement in the making of decisions that are about the management, operation or governance of the football club which they support; and
  - supporter ownership of their club.
361. Subsection (2) confirms that the regulations may include the creation of rights or interests or the imposition of liabilities or conditions assigned to property (or an interest in property) of any description. This type of provision may be necessary for the creation of a right to buy or other form of supporter ownership scheme. For example, it may be necessary to restrict the options that the owner of a football club has to sell their interest in the club where supporters have followed the appropriate procedures to indicate they wish to buy the club (or a part of it).
362. Subsection (3) requires the Scottish Ministers to consult widely before making any regulations under the section. In particular, they must consult representatives of football clubs, the leagues those clubs play in, the players and the supporters as well as any other person or body that the Scottish Ministers consider appropriate.