

*These notes relate to the Mental Health (Scotland) Act  
2015 (asp 9) which received Royal Assent on 4 August 2015*

# **MENTAL HEALTH (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE STRUCTURE & A SUMMARY OF THE ACT**

#### **Part Two – Criminal Cases**

##### ***Section 41: Periods for treatment orders***

#### **Amendment of sections 52M, 52P, 52R**

121. Treatment orders can be made by a court and authorise certain measures, including, if required, the removal to hospital and detention of a person there, and the giving of specified treatment. Provision for treatment orders is made in sections 52K to 52U of the 1995 Act. Section 41 amends the timescales for treatment orders in sections 52M, 52P and 52R in the same way, and for the same purpose as the timescales for assessment orders (AOs) are amended by section 40 of the Act.