

*These notes relate to the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2016
(asp 1) which received Royal Assent on 13 January 2016*

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW OF THE ACT

Part 1 – Arrest and Custody

Chapter 7 – General

Common law and enactments

Section 55 – Abolition of requirement for constable to charge

154. [Section 55](#) provides that a constable does not have to charge a suspect with a crime at any time and abolishes any rule of law that requires such a charge to be made.