

These notes relate to the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Act 2018 (asp 7) which received Royal Assent on 19 April 2018

OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR AT FOOTBALL AND THREATENING COMMUNICATIONS (REPEAL) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2018

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

3. The purpose of the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Repeal) (Scotland) Act (“the Act”) is, as the name suggests, to repeal the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications (Scotland) Act 2012 (“the 2012 Act”).
4. The Act is in seven sections. The repeal itself is in section 1. Section 2 prevents a person being convicted or a penalty being imposed for an offence under the 2012 Act after repeal, and in certain circumstances permits a person to be convicted of an alternative statutory offence. Section 3 makes clear that people sentenced for a 2012 Act offence before repeal are still liable for those penalties. Section 4 repeals a provision relating to fixed penalties that was inserted by the 2012 Act into the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004. Section 5 provides definitions of key terms, while sections 6 and 7 deal with commencement and short title.