

# Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022

#### PART 3

#### PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM

## Civic licensing

## 30 Civic licensing: how hearings may be held

- (1) The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 is modified as follows.
- (2) In schedule 1 (licensing: further provisions as to the general system), after paragraph 18A insert—

# "How hearings may be held

- 18B (1) A licensing authority may determine that a hearing is to be held—
  - (a) in person,
  - (b) wholly through the use of remote facilities, or
  - (c) partly in person and partly through the use of remote facilities.
  - (2) When determining how a hearing is to be held, a licensing authority must take account of any views given on that issue by any person who notifies the authority of an intention to participate in the hearing.
  - (3) In sub-paragraph (1), "remote facilities" means any equipment or facility which—
    - (a) enables persons who are not in the same place to participate in the hearing, and
    - (b) enables those persons to speak to and be heard by each other (whether or not it enables those persons to see and be seen by each other).".

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Coronavirus (Recovery and Reform) (Scotland) Act 2022, Section 30. (See end of Document for details)

(3) In schedule 2 (control of sex shops and sexual entertainment venues), after paragraph 24A insert—

## "How hearings may be held

- 24B (1) A local authority may determine that a hearing is to be held—
  - (a) in person,
  - (b) wholly through the use of remote facilities, or
  - (c) partly in person and partly through the use of remote facilities.
  - (2) When determining how a hearing is to be held, a local authority must take account of any views given on that issue by any person who notifies the authority of an intention to participate in the hearing.
  - (3) In sub-paragraph (1), "remote facilities" means any equipment or facility which—
    - (a) enables persons who are not in the same place to participate in the hearing, and
    - (b) enables those persons to speak to and be heard by each other (whether or not it enables those persons to see and be seen by each other).".

#### **Commencement Information**

II S. 30 in force at 1.10.2022, see s. 59(1)

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