



Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014 2014 asp 1

General

32 Interpretation

In this Act—

“the 1995 Act” means the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995,

“the 2003 Act” means the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003,

[^{F1} “competent authority” means each of the following persons—

- (a) the Lord Advocate,
- (b) the Scottish Ministers,
- (c) the chief constable of the Police Service of Scotland,
- (d) the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service,
- (e) the Parole Board for Scotland,

“a member of police staff” means a member of police staff appointed under section 26 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012,]

“the Mental Health Act” means the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.

[^{F2} “procurator fiscal” has the same meaning as in section 307(1) of the 1995 Act.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 32 inserted (23.12.2015) by [The Victims' Rights \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/444\)](#), regs. 1(2), **17(a)**
- F2** Words in s. 32 inserted (23.12.2015) by [The Victims' Rights \(Scotland\) Regulations 2015 \(S.S.I. 2015/444\)](#), regs. 1(2), **17(b)**

33 Ancillary provision

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by order make such supplementary, incidental, consequential, transitional, transitory or saving provision as they consider appropriate

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for the purposes of, in consequence of, or for giving full effect to, any provision of this Act.

- (2) An order under this section may modify any enactment (including this Act).
- (3) An order under subsection (1) containing provisions which add to, replace or omit any part of the text of an Act is subject to the affirmative procedure.
- (4) Otherwise, an order under subsection (1) is subject to the negative procedure.

34 Commencement

- (1) This section and sections 30 so far as it inserts the new section 4ZA, 31(1), 31(2) so far as it inserts paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 of the new schedule 1A, 31(3), 32, 33 and 35 come into force on the day after Royal Assent.
- (2) The other provisions of this Act come into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may by order appoint.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may contain transitory or transitional provision or savings.

35 Short title

The short title of this Act is the Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014.

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