



# Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Act 2019

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## **1 Abolition of defence of reasonable chastisement**

- (1) The rule of law, that the physical punishment of a child in the exercise of a parental right or a right derived from having charge or care of the child is justifiable and is therefore not an assault, ceases to have effect.
- (2) Section 51 (physical punishment of children) of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 is repealed.