



# Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 1976

## 1976 CHAPTER 67

### **16 Accused and spouse to be competent witnesses**

- (1) Every person charged with an offence under this Act and the spouse of the person so charged shall be competent but not compellable witnesses on every hearing at every stage of such charge.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions contained in sections 143 and 348 (spouse as witness in certain cases) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975.