



# Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989

## 1989 CHAPTER 45

### *Central administration*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>3A **Medical officers for prisons**

- (1) The Scottish Ministers must designate one or more medical officers for each prison.
- (2) A person may be designated as a medical officer for a prison only if the person is a registered medical practitioner performing primary medical services for prisoners at the prison under the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 (c.29).
- (3) A medical officer has the functions that are conferred on a medical officer for a prison by or under this Act or any other enactment.
- (4) A medical officer is not an officer of the prison for the purposes of this Act.
- (5) Rules under section 39 of this Act may provide for the governor of a prison to authorise the carrying out by officers of the prison of a search of any person who is in, or is seeking to enter, the prison for the purpose of providing medical services for any prisoner at the prison.
- (6) Nothing in rules made by virtue of subsection (5) allows the governor to authorise an officer of a prison to require a person to remove any of the person's clothing other than an outer coat, jacket, headgear, gloves and footwear.]

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** S. 3A substituted (1.11.2011) by [Criminal Justice and Licensing \(Scotland\) Act 2010 \(asp 13\)](#), ss. [110\(1\)](#), [206\(1\)](#); S.S.I. 2011/354, art. 2, Sch.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Prisons (Scotland) Act 1989, Section 3A.