

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2001  
(c.19) which received Royal Assent on 11 May 2001*

# **ARMED FORCES ACT 2001**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE ACT - COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 6 – Other amendments**

##### **Sentence where penalty fixed by law as life imprisonment**

136. The provisions in the SDAs which provided that persons convicted by courts-martial of Service offences corresponding to murder or genocide are liable to imprisonment for life did not make it clear that the sentence is a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment. Paragraphs 33 and 34 amend the provisions to make this clear.