

*These notes refer to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c.15) which received Royal Assent on 7th April 2005*

# **SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AND POLICE ACT 2005**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENCEMENT**

464. Section 178 of the Bill provides for commencement. The following provisions came into force on Royal Assent (ie on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2005):
- section 117(7) (which deals with the use of databases to identify a deceased person);
  - section 167 (which extends certain amendments to Northern Ireland);
  - section 158 and Part 1 of Schedule 17 (which relate to chief officers' responsibilities for health and safety); and
  - Part 6 (final provisions), apart from sections 174 and 175.
465. [Section 163\(4\)](#) (which relates to checks on special guardians) will come into force 3 months after Royal Assent. The remaining provisions of the Act will be brought into force by means of commencement orders made by the Secretary of State or, in appropriate cases, Scottish Ministers.