

*These notes refer to the Armed Forces Act 2006 (c.52)
which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

ARMED FORCES ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SECOND GROUP OF PARTS – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

Part 17 – Miscellaneous

Powers of officers etc

Section 351: Detention etc of persons in overseas service hospitals

721. This section introduces Schedule 12. Schedule 12 makes provision for admitting persons suffering from mental disorder to service hospitals outside the British Islands, and detaining them there temporarily for assessment or treatment, in certain defined circumstances. The provisions apply only to persons subject to service law, or civilians subject to service discipline, who are outside the British Islands.

Section 352: Power to take affidavits and declarations

722. This section re-enacts a provision which authorises certain officers outside the UK to take affidavits or declarations from persons subject to service law or to service discipline, where an otherwise qualified person may not be available. This enables people who are serving overseas to nevertheless attend to such legal business that requires affidavits or declarations.

723. The section provides for the matters which the authorised officer must state in the jurat or attestation at the end of the affidavit or declaration, and further provides that a statement contained in an affidavit or declaration that purports to be signed by an authorised officer shall be admitted in evidence without separate proof of the signature or the facts contained in the statement.