

# **MENTAL HEALTH (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **THE STRUCTURE & A SUMMARY OF THE ACT**

#### **Part One – the 2003 Act**

#### ***Section 7: Suspension of orders on emergency detention***

##### **Amendment of [section 43](#)**

23. Section 43 of the 2003 Act deals with the effect of subsequent emergency detention certificates (EDCs) on compulsory treatment orders (CTO). At present where a patient is subject to a CTO and an EDC is granted (for example because a patient's condition has perhaps deteriorated suddenly to the extent that detention in hospital is required), any measures authorised by the CTO cease to have effect whilst the patient is subject to the EDC (with the exception of any measures authorised under section 66(1)(b) of the 2003 Act, i.e., the giving of medical treatment, in accordance with Part 16 of the 2003 Act).
24. Section 7 of the Act amends section 43 of the 2003 Act to make equivalent provision as regards patients subject to a compulsion order or an interim CTO, and who then become subject to an EDC. The result of the amendments in such cases is that any measures authorised by a CO, interim CTO or CTO will cease to have effect for the duration of the EDC, with the exception of the giving of medical treatment in accordance with Part 16 of the 2003 Act (as authorised under section 66(1)(b) of the 2003 Act as regards CTOs and interim CTOs, or section 57A(8)(b) of the 1995 Act as regards compulsion orders).
25. Subsection (3) makes consequential changes to the title and heading of section 43.