



Defamation and Malicious Publication (Scotland) Act 2021

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PART 1

DEFAMATION

Defences

8 Abolition of common law defences and transitional provision

- (1) Any rules of law providing for—
 - (a) the defence of innocent dissemination,
 - (b) the defence of veritas,
 - (c) the defence known as the Reynolds defence,
 - (d) the defence of fair comment,cease to have effect.
- (2) Nothing in sections 5 to 7 or [subsection \(1\)](#) of this section has effect in relation to defamation proceedings if the right to bring the proceedings accrued before the commencement of the section or subsection in question.