

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2007**

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*These notes relate to the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (Scotland) Act 2007 (asp 14)*

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**Foster Children (Scotland) Act 1984**

**Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995**

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