

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The Order amends a number of enactments in consequence of sections 34 to 36 of the Scotland Act 2012 coming into force on 22nd April 2013. These sections create a new system of “compatibility issues”.

Article 2 amends the Legal Aid (Scotland) Act 1986 in relation to criminal legal aid so that it is available in relation to compatibility issues.

Article 3 amends the definition of “appellate proceedings” in section 132 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 to include compatibility issues.