
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made in exercise of the power conferred on the Secretary of State by section 35(1)(b) of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

Article 2 of this Order prohibits the Presiding Officer from submitting the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill for Royal Assent.

Article 3 of, and Schedule 1 to, this Order specify the provisions of the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill which modify the law as it applies to reserved matters, and which the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds to believe would have an adverse effect on the operation of the law as it applies to reserved matters.

Article 4 of, and Schedule 2 to, this Order state the reasons for making this Order.

A fuller narrative of these reasons is set out in the Policy Statement of Reasons on the Decision to Use Section 35 Powers with Respect to the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill, published on www.gov.uk/government/publications/statement-of-reasons-related-to-the-use-of-section-35-of-the-scotland-act-1998.

A full impact assessment of the effect of this instrument is available from Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, Dover House, Whitehall, London SW1A 2AU and on www.gov.uk/government/organisations/scotland-office. An Explanatory Memorandum is available alongside this instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.