



# Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014

## 2014 asp 18

### PART 3

#### CIVIL PROCEDURE

#### CHAPTER 6

#### VEXATIOUS PROCEEDINGS

#### **100 Vexatious litigation orders**

- (1) The Inner House may, on the application of the Lord Advocate, make a vexatious litigation order in relation to a person (a “vexatious litigant”).
- (2) A vexatious litigation order is an order which has either or both of the following effects—
  - (a) the vexatious litigant may institute civil proceedings only with the permission of a judge of the Outer House,
  - (b) the vexatious litigant may take a specified step in specified ongoing civil proceedings only with such permission.
- (3) In subsection (2)(b)—
  - (a) “specified ongoing civil proceedings” means civil proceedings which—
    - (i) were instituted by the vexatious litigant before the order was made, and
    - (ii) are specified in the order,
  - (b) “specified step” means a step specified in the order.
- (4) A vexatious litigation order has effect—
  - (a) during such period as is specified in the order, or
  - (b) if no period is so specified, indefinitely.
- (5) In this section and section 101—
  - (a) “the Inner House” means the Inner House of the Court of Session,
  - (b) “the Outer House” means the Outer House of the Court of Session,

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- (c) “vexatious litigant” means, in relation to a vexatious litigation order, the person to whom the order relates,
- (d) “vexatious litigation order” means an order made under subsection (1).

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 100 in force at 28.11.2016 by S.S.I. 2016/291, art. 2, sch.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- sch. 1 para. 5A and cross-heading inserted by [2020 asp 9 s. 9](#)
- sch. 1 para. 2(g)(h) inserted by [2021 asp 16 s. 15\(8\)](#)