



Vexatious Actions (Scotland) Act 1898

1898 CHAPTER 35

An Act to prevent vexatious Legal Proceedings in Scotland. [12th August 1898]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1 Power of Court of Session to prohibit institution of action without leave.

It shall be lawful for the Lord Advocate to apply to either Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session for an order under this Act, and if he satisfies the Court that any person has habitually and persistently instituted vexatious legal proceedings without any reasonable ground for instituting such proceedings, whether in the Court of Session or in any inferior court, and whether against the same person or against different persons, the court may order that no legal proceedings shall be instituted by that person in the Court of Session or any other court, unless he obtains the leave of the Lord Ordinary on the Bills in the Court of Session, having satisfied the Lord Ordinary that such legal proceeding is not vexatious, and that there is prima facie ground for such proceeding. A copy of such order shall be published in the Edinburgh Gazette.

2 Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Vexatious Actions (Scotland) Act, 1898.