



# Administration of Justice Act 1970

## 1970 CHAPTER 31

### PART II

#### ENFORCEMENT OF DEBT

##### *Provisions restricting sanction of imprisonment*

#### **11 Restriction on power of committal under Debtors Act 1869 (c. 62).**

The jurisdiction given by section 5 of the Debtors Act 1869 to commit to prison a person who makes default in payment of a debt, or instalment of a debt, due from him in pursuance of an order or judgment shall be exercisable only—

- (a) by the High Court in respect of a High Court maintenance order; <sup>F1</sup>...
- (b) by [<sup>F2</sup>the county court][<sup>F3</sup>in respect of a judgment]or order which is enforceable by a court in England and Wales and is for the payment of any of the taxes, contributions [<sup>F4</sup>premiums] or liabilities specified in Schedule 4 to this Act.<sup>[F5]</sup>; and
- (c) by the family court in respect of a High Court or family court maintenance order.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Word in s. 11(a) omitted (22.4.2014) by virtue of [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 10 para. 18\(1\)\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
- F2** Words in s. 11(b) substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 9 para. 52](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(c) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
- F3** Words in s. 11(b) substituted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 10 para. 18\(1\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)
- F4** Word inserted by [Social Security Act 1973 \(c. 38\)](#), [SIF 113: 1](#), [Sch. 27 para. 85](#)

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**F5** S. 11(c) and word inserted (22.4.2014) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(3), [Sch. 10 para. 18\(1\)\(c\)](#); [S.I. 2014/954](#), art. 2(d) (with art. 3) (with transitional provisions and savings in [S.I. 2014/956](#), arts. 3-11)

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