



Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 19

PART I

CHILD SUPPORT

Disqualification from driving

17 Civil imprisonment: Scotland.

- (1) In section 40 of the 1991 Act (commitment to prison), for subsections (12) to (14) there shall be substituted—

“(12) This section does not apply to Scotland.”

- (2) After section 40 there shall be inserted—

“40A Commitment to prison: Scotland.

- (1) If, but only if, the sheriff is satisfied that there has been wilful refusal or culpable neglect on the part of the liable person he may—
- (a) issue a warrant for his committal to prison; or
 - (b) fix a term of imprisonment and postpone the issue of the warrant until such time and on such conditions (if any) as he thinks just.
- (2) A warrant under this section—
- (a) shall be made in respect of an amount equal to the aggregate of—
 - (i) the appropriate amount under section 38; and
 - (ii) an amount (determined in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State) in respect of the expenses of commitment; and
 - (b) shall state that amount.

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- (3) No warrant may be issued under this section against a person who is under the age of 18.
- (4) A warrant issued under this section shall order the liable person—
 - (a) to be imprisoned for a specified period; but
 - (b) to be released (unless he is in custody for some other reason) on payment of the amount stated in the warrant.
- (5) The maximum period of imprisonment which may be imposed by virtue of subsection (4) is six weeks.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for the period of imprisonment specified in any warrant issued under this section to be reduced where there is part payment of the amount in respect of which the warrant was issued.
- (7) A warrant issued under this section may be directed to such person as the sheriff thinks fit.
- (8) The power of the Court of Session by Act of Sederunt to regulate the procedure and practice in civil proceedings in the sheriff court shall include power to make provision—
 - (a) as to the form of any warrant issued under this section;
 - (b) allowing an application under this section to be renewed where no warrant is issued or term of imprisonment is fixed;
 - (c) that a statement in writing to the effect that wages of any amount have been paid to the liable person during any period, purporting to be signed by or on behalf of his employer, shall be sufficient evidence of the facts stated;
 - (d) that, for the purposes of enabling an inquiry to be made as to the liable person's conduct and means, the sheriff may issue a citation to him to appear before the sheriff and (if he does not obey) may issue a warrant for his arrest;
 - (e) that for the purpose of enabling such an inquiry, the sheriff may issue a warrant for the liable person's arrest without issuing a citation;
 - (f) as to the execution of a warrant of arrest."

Commencement Information

- II** S. 17 wholly in force at 2.4.2001; s. 17 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 86(2); s. 17 in force for certain purposes at 10.11.2000 by S.I. 2000/2994, art. 2; s. 17 in force in so far as not already in force at 2.4.2001 by S.I. 2000/3354, art. 2(3)

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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):

- s. 70A inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 3 para. 13](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 1(2)(c) inserted by [2007 c. 5 Sch. 5 para. 13](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(5A)(5B) inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 11 para. 13\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(8)(b) inserted by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 11 para. 13\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 7 para. 6(8)(a) words in Sch. 7 para. 6(8) renumbered as Sch. 7 para. 6(8)(a) by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 11 para. 13\(4\)\(a\)](#)

Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000

Commencement Orders bringing provisions within this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2003/346 art. 2](#) amendment to earlier commencing [SI 2003/192 art. 6](#)