



Debtors (Scotland) Act 1880

1880 CHAPTER 34 43 and 44 Vict

Abolition of Imprisonment for Debt

4 Abolition of imprisonment for debt, with certain exceptions.

With the exceptions herein-after mentioned, no person shall be apprehended or imprisoned on account of any civil debt.

There shall be excepted from the operation of the above enactment,—

[^{F1}(1) Taxes, fines, or penalties due to Her Majesty, and rates and assessments lawfully imposed or to be imposed:]

[^{F1}(1) Fines imposed for contempt of court or under section 91 of the Court of Session Act 1868.]

(2) Sums decerned for aliment:

[^{F2}Provided that no person shall be imprisoned in any case excepted from the operation of this section for a longer period than twelve months.]

Nothing contained in this Act shall affect or prevent the apprehension or imprisonment of any person under [^{F2}a warrant granted against him as being in meditatione fugæ, or under]any decree [^{F2}or obligation]ad factum præstandum.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 4 para. 1 beginning “Fines imposed” substituted (S.) for para. 1 beginning “Taxes, fines” by [Debtors \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 18, SIF 45:2\)](#), s. 108, Sch. 6 para. 8, Sch. 7 paras. 5, **9(1)**

F2 Proviso and words repealed (S.) by [Debtors \(Scotland\) Act 1987 \(c. 18, SIF 45:2\)](#), s. 108, Sch. 7 paras. 5, 9(1), **Sch. 8**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 4 restricted by [Crown Proceedings Act 1947 \(c. 44\)](#), ss. **26(2)**, 49

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1880, Section 4.