



Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987

1987 CHAPTER 18

^{F1}[^{F1}PART 1A

DILIGENCE ON THE DEPENDENCE

Availability of diligence on the dependence

^{F1}15A Diligence on the dependence of action

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below and to sections 15C to 15F of this Act, the Court of Session or the sheriff may grant warrant for diligence by—
 - (a) arrestment; or
 - (b) inhibition,on the dependence of an action.
- (2) Warrant for—
 - (a) arrestment on the dependence of an action is competent only where the action contains a conclusion for payment of a sum other than by way of expenses; and
 - (b) inhibition on the dependence is competent only where the action contains—
 - (i) such a conclusion; or
 - (ii) a conclusion for specific implement of an obligation to convey heritable property to the creditor or to grant in the creditor's favour a real right in security, or some other right, over such property.
- (3) In this Part of this Act, “action” includes, in the sheriff court—
 - (a) a summary cause;
 - ^{F2}(b) a simple procedure case (within the meaning of section 72(9) of the Courts Reform (Scotland) Act 2014); and]
 - (c) a summary application,and references to “summons”, “conclusion” and to cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 1A inserted (1.4.2008 except for the insertion of s. 15H(4), 22.4.2009 in so far as not already in force) by [Bankruptcy and Diligence etc. \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(asp 3\)](#), **ss. 169, 227(3)** (with s. 223); [S.S.I. 2008/115](#), art. 3(1)(b)(i) (with arts. 4-6, 10, 15) (as amended: (23.2.2009) by [S.S.I. 2009/67](#), art. 7; (31.1.2011) by [S.S.I. 2011/31](#), art. 5(a); and (4.10.2014) by [S.S.I. 2014/173](#), arts. 1(2), 3); [S.S.I. 2009/67](#), art. 3(1)(c) (with arts. 4-6) (as amended (31.1.2011) by [S.S.I. 2011/31](#), art. 5(b))
- F2** [S. 15A\(3\)\(b\)](#) substituted (28.11.2016) by [The Courts Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2014 \(Relevant Officer and Consequential Provisions\) Order 2016 \(S.S.I. 2016/387\)](#), art. 1, **sch. 1 para. 2(2)** (with art. 4(1))

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

- Act applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2018/1125 reg. 8](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S.I. 2018/1125, reg. 8 omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Act 2020 (c. 24), s. 4(3), Sch. 5 para. 4(4))

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

- s. 8(1)(d)(e) substituted for s. 8(1)(d) by [2007 asp 3 Sch. 5 para. 16\(7\)\(a\)\(v\)](#)