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An Act relating to debtors and to provide penalties for fraudulent debtors.

[1 January 1935]

Short title

1. This Act is the Debtors Act 1934.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the context —
- “court” means the General Division of the High Court or a judge when sitting in open court in all cases where proceedings are taken in the General Division of the High Court and means the District Court or a District Judge when sitting in open court, in all cases where proceedings are taken in a District Court;
- “judge” means a judge sitting in chambers in all cases where proceedings are taken in the General Division of the High

Court and means a District Judge sitting in chambers in all cases where proceedings are taken in a District Court;

“judgment” includes any order for the payment of money.

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PART 1

ARREST, EXAMINATION AND IMPRISONMENT OF JUDGMENT DEBTORS

Arrest of judgment debtor

3. Where a judgment for the payment of money remains wholly or in part unsatisfied, whether or not a writ of execution has issued, the court or a judge may order the debtor to be arrested and brought before the court forthwith for examination as hereinafter provided, if it appears to the court or judge that there is probable reason for believing, having regard to his conduct, or the state of his affairs, or otherwise, that he is likely to leave Singapore with a view to avoiding payment of such money or to avoiding examination in respect of his affairs.

Examination of debtor

4.—(1) The examination referred to in section 3 shall be an oral examination of the debtor before the court respecting his ability to pay or satisfy the judgment or so much thereof as remains due, and shall be conducted in the manner and subject to any rules for the time being prescribed for the examination of a debtor by way of discovery in aid of execution or under section 25.

Adjournment of examination and security for further attendance

(2) If the examination is adjourned, the court may order the debtor to be committed to the civil prison until the adjourned hearing, or until such time as he furnishes security in an amount to be named in the order for his appearance at the adjourned hearing.