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Chapter 76

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An Act relating to the appointment of bailiffs for the purposes of distress for rent.

1. Interpretation

In this Act—

- (a) “**bailiff**” means a bailiff for the purpose of distress for rent;
- (b) “**certifying officer**” means a chief magistrate and a magistrate grade I.

2. Appointment of bailiffs under certificate of certifying officer

No person, other than a landlord in person, his or her attorney or the legal owner of a reversion, shall act as bailiff to levy any distress for rent unless he or she shall be authorised to act as bailiff by a certificate in writing under the hand of a certifying officer, and such certificate may be general or apply to a particular distress or distresses.

3. Power of cancellation, etc. of certificate

A certificate so granted may at any time be cancelled or declared void by a certifying officer.

4. Penalty for acting without certificate

Any person, required by this Act to hold a certificate as a bailiff, who levies distress for rent without being the holder of a certificate, is, without prejudice to any civil liability, liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred shillings.

5. Power to make rules

The Minister may, on the advice of the Chief Justice, make rules—

- (a) regulating conditions for the appointment of, and the duration of certificates granted, to bailiffs;
- (b) regulating the security, if any, to be required from bailiffs and the fees, if any, payable by them;
- (c) regulating the fees, charges and expenses of bailiffs in and incidental to distress;
- (d) generally for better carrying out the purposes and provisions of this Act.