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## Listing of Debtors Act 1981

No. 9639

An Act to amend the *County Court Act 1958*, the *Supreme Court Act 1958* and the *Magistrates' Courts Act 1971* to restrict the Publication of Information with respect to Debtors.

[Assented to 15 December 1981]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Victoria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows (that is to say):

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Listing of Debtors Act 1981*. Short title.  
 (2) This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent. Commence-  
ment.
2. After section 80 of the *County Court Act 1958* there shall be inserted the following section:  
 "80A. Any person who, in the course of a business of publishing information with respect to debtors, publishes or causes to be published in any newspaper, gazette, journal, periodical circular, newsletter, letter, or like document information with respect to the commencement of proceedings for debts or liquidated demands so as to identify defendants thereto before judgments are entered against them for the amounts claimed or any part thereof shall be guilty of an offence."  
Amendment of  
No. 6230.  
Reprinted to  
No. 9075 and  
subsequently  
amended by  
Nos. 9176, 9293,  
9308, 9427,  
9468, 9549 and  
9554.  
Publishing  
particulars  
of summonses  
issued an  
offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

3. After

Amendment of  
No. 6387.

Reprinted to  
No. 8951 and  
subsequently  
amended by  
Nos. 9059, 9075,  
9407, 9427,  
9454, 9549,  
9554 and 9576.

Publishing  
particulars  
of writs issued  
an offence.

3. After section 29 of the *Supreme Court Act* 1958 there shall be inserted the following section:

“29A. Any person who, in the course of a business of publishing information with respect to debtors, publishes or causes to be published in any newspaper, gazette, journal, periodical circular, newsletter, letter or like document information with respect to the commencement of proceedings for debts or liquidated demands so as to identify defendants thereto before judgments are entered against them for the amounts claimed or any part thereof shall be guilty of an offence.”.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

Amendment of  
No. 8184.

Reprinted to  
No. 9427 and  
subsequently  
amended by  
Nos. 9509, 9549,  
9554 and 9576.

Publishing  
particulars  
of summonses  
issued an  
offence.

4. After section 25 of the *Magistrates' Courts Act* 1971 there shall be inserted the following sections:

“25A. Any person who, in the course of a business of publishing information with respect to debtors, publishes or causes to be published in any newspaper, gazette, journal, periodical circular, newsletter, letter or like document information with respect to the commencement of proceedings for debts or liquidated demands so as to identify defendants thereto before orders are made against them for the amounts claimed or any part thereof shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: 5 penalty units.

Inspection of  
judgments, &c.  
made.

25B. In addition to and without in any way derogating from the provisions of section 25 any person may, upon payment of the prescribed fee, inspect any register, record or document of a court relating to any civil matter in which a judgment or order has been made determining the matter.”.