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No. 314.

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Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word:—

No. 2 van 1977: Wet op die Afskaffing van Gyseling, 1977.

No. 314.

9 March 1977.

It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

No. 2 of 1977: Abolition of Civil Imprisonment Act, 1977.

Act No. 2, 1977

ABOLITION OF CIVIL IMPRISONMENT ACT, 1977

# ACT

**To abolish civil imprisonment; to repeal the law "To amend the Law as to Imprisonment for Debt", 1881 (Transvaal), and the Civil Imprisonment Restriction Act, 1942; and to provide for incidental matters.**

*(English text signed by the State President.)  
(Assented to 24 February 1977.)*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the State President, the Senate and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

Abolition of civil imprisonment.

**1.** No court shall have power to order the civil imprisonment of a debtor for his failure to pay a sum of money in terms of any judgment.

Existing decrees of civil imprisonment.

**2.** Any decree of civil imprisonment which is in force at the commencement of this Act shall as from the said commencement be of no force or effect.

Saving.

**3.** This Act shall not affect the power of a court to grant an order for the committal of any person for contempt of court or to sentence a judgment debtor to imprisonment in terms of any provision of the Magistrates' Courts Act, 1944 (Act No. 32 of 1944), for failing to satisfy a judgment.

Repeal of Law 7 of 1881 (Transvaal) and Act 21 of 1942.

**4.** The law "To amend the Law as to Imprisonment for Debt", 1881 (Transvaal), and the Civil Imprisonment Restriction Act, 1942, are hereby repealed.

Short title.

**5.** This Act shall be called the Abolition of Civil Imprisonment Act, 1977, and shall come into operation on a date fixed by the State President by proclamation in the *Gazette*.