



## 2011 CHAPTER 15

### *Game*

#### **Hare coursing**

- 38.—**(1) A person commits an offence if he—
- (a) participates in a hare coursing event,
  - (b) attends a hare coursing event,
  - (c) knowingly facilitates a hare coursing event,
  - (d) permits land which belongs to him to be used for the purposes of a hare coursing event,
  - (e) nets hares for the purpose of a hare coursing event,
  - (f) transports hares for the purpose of a hare coursing event, or
  - (g) holds hares for the purpose of a hare coursing event.
- (2) Each of the following persons commits an offence if a dog participates in a hare coursing event—
- (a) any person who enters the dog for the event,
  - (b) any person who permits the dog to be entered, and
  - (c) any person who controls or handles the dog in the course of or for the purposes of the event.
- (3) A “hare coursing event” is a competition in which dogs are, by the use of live hares, assessed as to skill in hunting hares.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Wildlife and Natural Environment Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 38.