



# Animals Act 1971

## 1971 CHAPTER 22

### *Detention and sale of trespassing livestock*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>7A Power of local authorities in England to detain horses**

- (1) A local authority in England may detain a horse which is in any public place in its area, if the conditions in subsection (2) are met.
- (2) The conditions are—
  - (a) the local authority has reasonable grounds for believing that the horse is there without lawful authority, and
  - (b) if the land is lawfully occupied by a person—
    - (i) that person consents to the detention of the horse, or
    - (ii) the local authority has reasonable grounds for believing that that person would consent to the detention of the horse (but this does not require the authority to seek consent).
- (3) Section 7C contains further provision about detention under this section.
- (4) In this section “local authority” means—
  - (a) a county council,
  - (b) a district council,
  - (c) a London borough council,
  - (d) the Common Council of the City of London, and
  - (e) the Council of the Isles of Scilly.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 7A inserted (26.5.2015) by [Control of Horses Act 2015 \(c. 23\)](#), **ss. 1(1), 5(1)**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Animals Act 1971, Section 7A.