



Prevention of Damage by Rabbits Act 1939

1939 CHAPTER 43 2 and 3 Geo 6

An Act to make provision for the prevention of damage by rabbits; and to amend the law relating to the use of poison and the use of spring traps above ground for the purpose of killing hares or rabbits. [28th July 1939]

Extent Information

E1 For the extent of this Act see [S. 6\(3\)](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Words of enactment omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision Act 1948 \(c. 62\), s. 3](#)

PART I

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Textual Amendments

F1 [Ss. 1–3](#) repealed by [Agriculture Act 1947 \(c. 48\), Sch. 13](#)

PART II

AMENDMENTS OF LAW RELATING TO KILLING OF HARES AND RABBITS

4 Provisions as to use of poison in rabbit holes.

A person shall not be guilty of an offence under section eight of the ^{M1}Protection of Animals Act, 1911, by reason only that he uses poisonous gas in a rabbit hole, or

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places in a rabbit hole a substance which, by evaporation or in contact with moisture generates poisonous gas.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 S. 4 applied by [Agriculture Act 1947 \(c. 48\)](#), s. 98

Marginal Citations

M1 1911 c. 27.

5 Prohibition of use of spring traps above ground.

(1) ^{F2}

(2) So much of section six of the ^{M2}Ground Game Act, 1880, as provides that no person having a right to kill ground game shall, for the purpose of killing ground game . . . ^{F3} employ poison shall cease to have effect.

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 5(1) repealed by [Pests Act 1954 \(c. 68\)](#), Sch.

F3 Words repealed by [Pests Act 1954 \(c. 68\)](#), Sch.

Marginal Citations

M2 1880 c. 47.

PART III

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

6 Short title, interpretation and extent.

(1) This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Damage by Rabbits Act, 1939.

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(3) This Act shall not extend to Scotland, to Northern Ireland or to the administrative county of London.

Textual Amendments

F4 S. 6(2) repealed (5.11.1993) by [1993 c. 50, s. 1\(1\)](#), Sch. 1, Pt.II

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