



CHAPTER 8.

An Act to enact a Close Time for Hares during the Breeding Season. A.D. 1892.
[20th May 1892.]

WHEREAS hares form an important article of food, and have of late years greatly decreased in numbers in England, Scotland, and Wales, by reason of their being inconsiderately slaughtered, and owing to their marketable value it is important to provide for their protection during the breeding season :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited as the Hares Preservation Act, 1892. Short title.
2. It shall not be lawful during the months of March, April, May, June, or July to sell or expose for sale in any part of Great Britain any hare or leveret, and any person who during the months aforesaid shall so sell or expose for sale any hare or leveret shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty shillings, including costs of conviction. Close time.
3. This Act shall not apply to foreign hares imported into Great Britain, and there sold or exposed for sale. Saving as to foreign hares.
4. Every offence under this Act may be prosecuted in a summary manner, and every penalty imposed under this Act shall be applied in the manner directed by the Summary Jurisdiction Acts, and any Act amending the same. Prosecution of offences.
5. In the application of this Act to Scotland the expressions "justice" and "justices" shall mean sheriff or sheriff substitute. Application to Scotland.

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