



Docketing and Nicking of Horses Act 1949

1949 CHAPTER 70 12 13 and 14 Geo 6

^{F1} **Prohibition of docketing and nicking except in certain cases.**

- [^{F1}(1) Save as hereinafter provided, the docketing or nicking of horses is prohibited.
- (2) The operation of docketing or of nicking may be performed in any case in which a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, after examination of the horse, has certified in writing that the operation is in his opinion necessary for the health of the horse because of disease or injury to the tail.
- (3) Any person who performs such an operation as aforesaid in contravention of the provisions of this section or who causes or permits such an operation to be so performed, shall be liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and such imprisonment.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1 repealed (E.W.) (27.3.2007 for W., 6.4.2007 for E.) by [Animal Welfare Act 2006 \(c. 45\)](#), s. 68(3), [Sch. 4](#) (with ss. 1(2), 58(1), 59, 60); S.I. 2007/499, art. 2(2)(m); S.I. 2007/1030, art. 2(1)(m)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 1(1) amended (S.) (1.4.1996) by [1995 c. 40](#), ss. 3, 7(2), [Sch. 1 para. 3\(1\)](#), [Sch. 2 Pt. II](#)
- C2** Ss. 1(3), 2(3)(4) have effect (E.W.) by virtue of [Criminal Law Act 1977 \(c. 45, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 31, [Sch. 6](#) and [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46 and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 289G, [Sch. 7C](#) as if the maximum fine that may be imposed on summary conviction were level 3 on the standard scale

Changes to legislation:

Docking and Nicking of Horses Act 1949, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 July 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 1 repealed by [2006 asp 11 Sch. 2 para. 6](#)
- s. 1(3) words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 13\(2\)](#)