



Hares Preservation Act 1892

1892 CHAPTER 8 55 and 56 Vict

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

[^{F1}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.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Act repealed (S.) (29.6.2011) by [Wildlife and Natural Environment \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(asp 6\)](#), s. 43(1), **Sch. Pt. 2** (with s. 41(1)); S.S.I. 2011/279, art. 2(1)(i)(ii) (as amended by S.S.I. 2011/287, art. 2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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

1 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Hares Preservation Act, 1892.

2 Close time.

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 [^{F2}level 1 on the standard scale], including costs of conviction.

Textual Amendments

F2 Words substituted (E.W.S.) by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Law Act 1977 \(c. 45, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 31 and [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46 and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), ss. 289C, 289G

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Hares Preservation Act 1892. (See end of Document for details)

3 Saving as to foreign hares.

This Act shall not apply to foreign hares imported into Great Britain, and there sold or exposed for sale.

4 Prosecution of offences.

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.

5 Application to Scotland.

In the application of this Act to Scotland the expressions “justice” and “justices” shall mean sheriff or sheriff substitute.

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