



## CHAPTER 59

An Act to make it unlawful to have possession of any instrument or appliance designed or adapted for use in connection with the fighting of a domestic fowl.

[30th October 1952.]

**B**E it 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.—(1) If any person has in his possession any instrument or appliance designed or adapted for use in connection with the fighting of any domestic fowl, he shall, if the court be satisfied that he had it in his possession for the purpose of using it or permitting it to be used as aforesaid, be guilty of an offence under this section and shall be liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds, or to both such imprisonment and such fine.

Possession of appliances for use in fighting of domestic fowl rendered unlawful.

(2) Where any person is convicted of an offence under this section, the court may order any instrument or appliance in respect of which the offence was committed to be destroyed or dealt with in such other manner as may be specified in the order:

Provided that such an order shall not take effect until the expiration of the period of fourteen days within which notice of appeal may be given by virtue of section thirty-one of the Summary Jurisdiction Act, 1879, and if notice of appeal is given within that period, the order shall not take effect unless and until the appeal is dismissed or withdrawn.

42 & 43 Vict. c. 49.

(3) In the application of this section to Scotland, for the proviso to subsection (2) there shall be substituted the following proviso:—

“ Provided that such an order shall not take effect until the expiration of the period of five days within which an application for a stated case may be made by virtue of section sixty of the Summary Jurisdiction (Scotland) Act, 1908, and, if such an application is made within that period, the order shall not take effect unless and until the appeal is dismissed or abandoned.”

8 Edw. 7.  
c. 65.

Short title  
and extent.

- 2.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Cockfighting Act, 1952.  
(2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.

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