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FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

1949 Cap.68.
18 *of* 54.

[15*th February*, 1910.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Cruelty to Animals Law.

Interpretation.

2. In this Law—

" animal " means any domestic or captured animal or bird.

Acts and omissions which amount to cruelty and penalties therefor.
2 *of* 18/54.

3. (1) If any person shall—

(*a*) cruelly beat, kick, ill-treat, over-ride, over-drive, over-load, torture, infuriate, or terrify any animal, or shall cause to procure, or, being the owner, permit any animal to be so used, or shall, by wantonly or unreasonably doing or omitting to do any act, or causing or procuring the commission or omission of any act, cause any unnecessary suffering, or, being the owner, permit any unnecessary suffering to be so caused to any animal ; or

(*b*) convey or carry, or cause or procure, or, being the owner, permit to be conveyed or carried, any animal in such manner or position as to cause that animal any unnecessary suffering ; or

(*c*) wilfully, without any reasonable cause or excuse, administer, or cause or procure, or being the

owner permit, such administration of, any poisonous or injurious drug or substance to any animal, or shall wilfully, without any reasonable cause or excuse, cause any such substance to be taken by any animal ; or

(*d*) subject, or cause to procure, or being the owner permit, to be subjected, any animal to any operation which is performed without due care and humanity,

such person shall be guilty of an offence of cruelty within the meaning of this Law, and shall be liable to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding twenty-five pounds, or to both such imprisonment and fine :

Provided that where at the commencement of a journey an animal is physically fit and in a healthy condition and a person continues to over-drive or over-ride such animal for the purpose of completing the journey when he has no reasonable opportunity of obtaining another animal for the purpose he shall not be deemed to have committed an offence against this Law.

(2) For the purposes of this section, an owner shall be deemed to have permitted cruelty within the meaning of this Law if he shall have failed to exercise reasonable care and supervision in respect of the protection of the animal therefrom :

Provided that, where an owner is convicted of permitting cruelty within the meaning of this Law by reason only of his having failed to exercise such care and supervision, he shall not be liable to imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Penalty for malicious killing and wounding.

4. Any person who shall unlawfully and maliciously kill, maim, wound or mutilate any animal shall be liable to imprisonment for any term not exceeding six months.

Compensation for damage done by cruelty to animals.

5. (1) If any person shall, by committing any offence under this Law, cause any damage or injury to be done to any animal or to any person or property he shall, on conviction, pay to the owner of the animal (if the offender is not the owner) or to the person who shall sustain damage or injury as aforesaid, such sum of money by way of compensation as the Court shall adjudge.