



# Agriculture (Scotland) Act 1948

1948 CHAPTER 45 11 and 12 Geo 6

## PART III CONTROL OF INJURIOUS ANIMALS, BIRDS AND WEEDS

### *Amendments of Law relating to Killing of Hares and Rabbits*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>50A Open trapping of hares and rabbits.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a person shall be guilty of an offence under this subsection if, for the purpose of killing or taking hares or rabbits, he uses, or knowingly permits the use of, a spring trap elsewhere than in a rabbit hole.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under the foregoing subsection shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds or, if he has been previously convicted of such an offence, a fine not exceeding fifty pounds.
- (3) Subsection (1) of this section shall not render unlawful the use of spring traps under and in accordance with a licence given by the Secretary of State.
- (4) A licence under this section—
  - (a) may be embodied in a rabbit clearance order under the <sup>M1</sup>Pests Act, 1954, or in a notice given under subsection (1) of section thirty-nine of this Act; and
  - (b) whether so embodied or not, may be revoked by the Secretary of State (in whole or in part) by giving notice of the revocation in such manner as he thinks sufficient to inform the persons concerned.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Ss. 50, 50A substituted for s. 50 by [Pests Act 1954 \(c. 68\), s. 10](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C1** [S. 50A\(2\)](#) has effect as if the maximum fines there mentioned were fines not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale by virtue of [1975 c. 21, ss. 289C, 289G, Sch. 7C](#) (as inserted by [1977 C. 45, Sch. 11 paras. 5, 13](#) and by [1982 c. 48, s. 54](#)) (which 1975 Act was repealed (1.4.1996) by [1996 c. 40, ss. 6, 7\(2\), Sch. 5](#)) and (1.4.1996) by virtue of [1996 c. 40, ss. 3, 7\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 3\(1\), Sch. 2 Pt. II](#).

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** [1954 c. 68.](#)

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