

Electric Shock Training Devices Bill

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Prohibit the sale, manufacture, hire, loan, importation or use of electric shock training devices; and for connected purposes.

BE 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 Prohibition of use of electric shock training devices

A person commits an offence if he knowingly uses, procures the use or permits the use of any electric shock training device on any animal.

2 Prohibition of possession etc of electric shock training devices

A person commits an offence if he has in his possession or under his control any electric shock training device with the intention of using it on an animal. 5

3 Prohibition of supply etc of electric shock training devices

A person commits an offence if he—
(a) offers, exposes, or advertises for sale or supply,
(b) sells or supplies, 10
(c) loans in the course of a business,
(d) purchases in the course of a business,
(e) imports into England and Wales, or
(f) otherwise deals in
any electric shock training device. 15

4 Prohibition of manufacture of electric shock training devices

A person commits an offence if he manufactures or carries out any process of manufacture of an electric shock training device.

5 Penalties

A person guilty of an offence under any of sections 1, 2, 3 or 4 shall be liable on summary conviction to—

- (a) imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, or
- (b) a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or to both. 5

6 Forfeiture of electric shock training devices

Where a person is convicted of an offence under section 1, 2, 3, or 4, the court by or before which he is convicted may, in addition to any other penalties imposed, order any electric shock training device which is shown to the satisfaction of the court to relate to the offence to be— 10

- (a) forfeited, and
- (b) destroyed or dealt with in such manner as may be specified in the order.

7 Deprivation and disqualification 15

- (1) Section 33 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (c. 45) (deprivation) shall apply to persons convicted of offences under sections 1 or 2 as it applies to persons convicted of the offences mentioned in section 33(1) of that Act.
- (2) Section 34 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 (disqualification) applies to offences under sections 1 and 2. 20

8 Interpretation

In this act—

- “animal” has the meaning given in section 1 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006;
- “electric shock training device” means any collar, mat, lead, or other device other than a proximity collar used or designed or intended to be used to train or control an animal by means of transmission of electric current or other electric impulse which causes shock, pain or other stimulus to an animal wearing, or otherwise in contact with the device; 25
- “proximity collar” means a collar or other device which is made, designed or adapted to be used so that an electric current or other electric impulse is transmitted automatically when the collar is near to another device in order to prevent or deter the animal in question from entering or leaving any land; 30
- “sell” includes hire, barter and exchange; 35
- “suffering” means physical or mental suffering.

9 Citation and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Electric Shock Training Devices Act 2007.
- (2) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland or Scotland.

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