



Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1959

1959 CHAPTER 2

An Act to discontinue certain payments made by local authorities for agricultural purposes; to make further provision with respect to schemes for the destruction of vermin and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid. [26th March 1959]

S. 1 rep. by SLR 1976

2 Further provisions as to the destruction of vermin.

- (1) The Ministry may, after considering any recommendations made to it on behalf of a county committee of agriculture^{F1} or of any two or more than two of such committees acting jointly, make schemes for the destruction of vermin in, or causing damage in, any area.
- (2) A scheme^{F2} under this section shall be subject to negative resolution.
- (3) A scheme under this section may make provision for—
 - (a) securing or assisting the destruction of, or the reduction in the numbers of, such vermin in such lawful manner as may be specified in the scheme, including the destruction, or rendering of assistance in destroying or reducing, breeding places or cover for vermin or excluding vermin therefrom, or preventing vermin from one place spreading to or doing damage in another place;
 - (b) the payment, with the approval of the Ministry of Finance, of such bounties upon such dead vermin in such manner and upon such evidence as may be specified by the scheme;
 - (c) the carrying out by such officers, servants or agents of the Ministry (including the carrying out by county committees of agriculture^{F1} as such agents) of such functions under the scheme as may be specified by the scheme; and
 - (d) such incidental or supplemental matters as the Ministry may think proper.

Subs. (4) rep. by 1972 c. 15 (NI)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1959. (See end of Document for details)

- (5) For the purposes of any scheme under this section the Ministry may employ persons to act as trappers or otherwise for the killing or disposing of vermin.

Subs. (6) rep. by SLR 1976

- (7) In this section “vermin” includes foxes and any species of quadruped or bird which appears to the Ministry to cause substantial damage to livestock, crops or agricultural land and to which a scheme made by the Ministry under this section is declared by the scheme to apply.

F1 Abolished, SRO (NI) 1972/124

F2 [Schemes to be statutory rules, 1979 NI 12](#)

S. 3 rep. by SLR 1976

S. 4 rep. by SLR 1973

5 Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1959.