



# Slaughterhouses Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 3

### PART II

#### SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS

##### *Licensing of slaughtermen*

#### **39 Slaughtermen to be licensed.**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) below, no animal to which section 36 above applies shall be slaughtered or stunned in a slaughterhouse or knacker's yard by any person except in accordance with a licence granted by a local authority and in force under this section.
- (2) Subsection (1) above shall not apply with respect to the slaughter, under the [<sup>F1</sup>Animal Health Act 1981], of an animal by an officer of, or a person employed by, the Minister.
- (3) Any person who slaughters or stuns, or attempts to slaughter or stun, any animal in contravention of subsection (1) above shall be guilty of an offence, unless he proves that by reason of an accident or other emergency the contravention was necessary for preventing physical injury or suffering to any person or animal.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Words substituted by [Animal Health Act 1981](#) (c. 22, SIF 4:4), s. 96, [Sch. 5 para. 11\(c\)](#)

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

**C1** [S. 39](#) power to transfer functions conferred (3.1.1995) by [1994 c. 40](#), ss. 31, 82(2), [Sch. 9](#), paras. 2(1)(c), 4

**Status:**

Point in time view as at 01/02/1991. This version of this provision has been superseded.

**Changes to legislation:**

Slaughterhouses Act 1974, Section 39 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.