

CHAPTER 28.

An Act to prohibit the giving False Alarms of Fires. A.D. 1895.

[6th July 1895.]

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:—

False alarms of fire.

1. Any person knowingly giving or causing to be given a false alarm of fire to the fire brigade of any town or parish outside the metropolitan area or to any officer thereof, whether by means of a street fire alarm, statement, message, or otherwise, shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction, and shall, on conviction for such offence by a court of summary jurisdiction, be liable for every such offence to a penalty not exceeding twenty pounds.

Evidence on behalf of accused.

2. In any proceeding against any person for an offence under section one of this Act such person shall be competent but not compellable to give evidence, and the wife of such person may be required to attend to give evidence as an ordinary witness in the case, and shall be competent but not compellable to give evidence.

Application of the Act to Scotland.

3. The provisions of this Act relative to giving a false alarm of fire by means of a street fire alarm shall not apply to any burgh or police burgh in Scotland in which a person who wantonly rings a fire alarm is liable to a penalty under the provisions of the Burgh Police (Scotland) Act, 1892, or of any local Police Act.

55 & 56 Vict. c. 55.

Short title.

4. This Act may be cited as the False Alarms of Fire Act, 1895.

Commencement of Act.

5. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

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