

An Act to amend the Criminal Code, 1892, with respect to cruelty to animals.

HER Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. *The Criminal Code, 1892, is hereby amended by adding* 1892, c. 29
 5 the following section thereto immediately after section 512 :— new section.
- “512A. Every one is guilty of an offence and liable, on Docking of
 summary conviction before two justices of the peace, to a losses.
 penalty not exceeding fifty dollars, or to three months’ imprisonment with or without hard labour, or to both, who—
- 10 “(a.) without being a duly qualified veterinary surgeon, or a student duly qualified and admitted to study and skilled in veterinary surgery, acting in the presence and under the supervision of a duly qualified veterinary surgeon, docks, nicks or pricks, or undertakes to dock, nick or prick the tail
 15 of any horse, by any method or means; or
 “(b.) causes or knowingly permits this to be done by a person other than those mentioned in paragraph (a) upon premises of which he is the owner, lessee, proprietor, or user; or
 “(c.) assists in or is present at such cutting.
- 20 “2. If the horse is found with its tail so cut, and with the wound resulting from such cutting unhealed, upon the premises of any person other than a veterinary surgeon or student as aforesaid, such facts shall be *prima facie* evidence that the person who occupies or has the use of the premises on which
 25 such horse is so found has committed an offence against this section, unless it is shown that the cutting was done by a qualified veterinary surgeon or by a veterinary student acting under his direction.
- “3. Every veterinary surgeon and veterinary student who
 30 docks, nicks or pricks a horse or mare shall keep a record thereof, and of date of such operation, and the sex, colour, markings, breed, age, height and any special mark which may serve to identify the animal, and he shall give a copy of such record, signed by him, to the owner of the animal.”