



# Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 69

### PART III

#### PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

##### *Miscellaneous and supplemental*

#### **59 Prohibition on keeping bulls on land crossed by public rights of way.**

- (1) If, in a case not falling within subsection (2), the occupier of a field or enclosure crossed by a right of way to which this Part applies permits a bull to be at large in the field or enclosure, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F1</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].
- (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to any bull which—
  - (a) does not exceed the age of ten months; or
  - (b) is not of a recognised dairy breed and is at large in any field or enclosure in which cows or heifers are also at large.
- (3) Nothing in any byelaws, whenever made, shall make unlawful any act which is, or but for subsection (2) would be, made unlawful by subsection (1).
- (4) In this section “recognised dairy breed” means one of the following breeds, namely, Ayrshire, British Friesian, British Holstein, Dairy Shorthorn, Guernsey, Jersey and Kerry.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by order add any breed to, or remove any breed from, subsection (4); and an order under this subsection shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

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**Annotations:****Amendments (Textual)**

**F1** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 46**

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

**C1** [S. 59](#) applied (with modifications) (2.7.2006 for E. and 11.7.2006 for W.) by [The Restricted Byways \(Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1177\)](#), regs. 1, 2, **Sch. Pt. I** (which commencement set by [S.I. 2006/1172](#) for E. and [S.I. 2006/1279](#) for W.)

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### **Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act, associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3 4](#)
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 10A 10B inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 6\(2\)](#)
- s. 11A-11F inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 13\(3\)](#)
- s. 11A(3) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/119 Sch. 1 para. 8\(a\)](#)
- s. 11A(4) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/119 Sch. 1 para. 8\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 11A(4)(a) words omitted by [S.S.I. 2013/119 Sch. 1 para. 8\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 11A(7) omitted by [S.S.I. 2013/119 Sch. 1 para. 8\(c\)](#)
- s. 11A(8)(b) word substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/119 Sch. 1 para. 8\(d\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 11A(8)(f) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/119 Sch. 1 para. 8\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 11A(9) words omitted by [S.S.I. 2013/119 Sch. 1 para. 8\(e\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 11A(9) words substituted by [S.S.I. 2013/119 Sch. 1 para. 8\(e\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 11G 11H inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 11I inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 8\(2\)](#)
- s. 12YA inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 11\(2\)](#)
- s. 14C inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 15](#)
- s. 14D-14P inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 16](#)
- s. 14ZC inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 14\(3\)](#)
- s. 16A inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 18\(3\)](#)
- s. 26B inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 20](#)
- s. 66B inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 41\(3\)](#)
- s. 69A inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 23](#)
- Sch. 5A inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 6\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 6A inserted by [2011 asp 6 s. 7\(4\)](#)

### **Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981:**

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Act into force:

- [S.I. 2009/1604 art. 2](#) commences (2005 c. 4)
- [S.I. 2011/556 art. 1-3](#) commences (2009 c. 23)
- [S.I. 2011/2460 art. 2\(a\)\(ii\)](#) commences (2006 c. 26)
- [S.S.I. 2004/495 art. 2](#) commences (2004 asp 6)
- [S.S.I. 2010/250 art. 3\(c\)](#) commences (2007 asp 6)
- [S.S.I. 2011/279 art. 2](#) commences (2011 asp 6)
- [S.S.I. 2011/433 art. 2](#) commences (2011 asp 6)
- [S.S.I. 2011/437 art. 2](#) amendment to earlier commencing SSI 2011/433
- [S.S.I. 2012/116 art. 2](#) commences ( )