



CHAPTER 27.

An Act to amend the Law relating to Cabs in London.

A.D. 1896.

[7th August 1896.]

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 :

1. If any person commits any of the following offences with respect to a cab, namely :—

Penalties for defrauding cabmen.

- (a) hires a cab, knowing or having reason to believe that he cannot pay the lawful fare, or with intent to avoid payment of the lawful fare ; or
- (b) fraudulently endeavours to avoid payment of a fare lawfully due from him ; or
- (c) having failed or refused to pay a fare lawfully due from him, either refuses to give to the driver an address at which he can be found, or, with intent to deceive, gives a false address,

he shall be liable on summary conviction to pay, in addition to the lawful fare, a fine not exceeding forty shillings, or, in the discretion of the court, to be imprisoned for a term not exceeding fourteen days ; and the whole or any part of any fine imposed may be applied in compensation to the driver.

2. Section eighteen of the London Hackney Carriage Act, 1853, is hereby repealed from "and in case of any dispute" to the end of the section.

Repeal.
16 & 17 Vict.
c. 33.

3. In this Act the expression "cab" shall mean any hackney carriage within the meaning of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869.

Meaning of cab.
32 & 33 Vict.
c. 115.

4. This Act may be cited as the London Cab Act, 1896.

Short title.

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