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## CAP. LVIII.

**An Act further to stay, until the End of the next Session of Parliament, Proceedings in certain Actions under the Provisions of several Statutes for the Prevention of excessive Gaming; and to prevent any similar Proceedings being taken under those Statutes during such further limited Time.** [29th *July* 1844.]

WHEREAS an Act was passed in the present Session of Parliament, intituled *An Act to stay Proceedings for Three Calendar Months, and till the End of the present Session of Parliament, in certain Actions under the Provisions of several Statutes for the Prevention of excessive Gaming; and to prevent any Proceedings being taken under those Statutes during such limited Time:* And whereas it is expedient that as well all the Proceedings which were stayed or suspended, or authorized to be stayed or suspended, by the Operation of that Act, should be stayed or suspended for a further Period, and that no other Proceedings of a like Nature should be commenced or proceeded with during such further Period: Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, 7 & 8 Vict. c. 3.

Suspending Actions for Penalties.

poral, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all the Actions, Suits, or other Proceedings which before the passing of this present Act shall have been brought, commenced, or prosecuted for the Recovery of any Forfeiture or pecuniary Penalty incurred or supposed to have been incurred under the Provisions of the several Acts of Parliament recited in the said recited Act, or any or either of them, by playing at any of the Sports or Pastimes mentioned in the Schedule annexed to the said recited Act, or at any *bonâ fide* Variety of any of the said Sports, Pastimes, or Games, or at any Sport, Pastime, or Game of a like or similar Description to any of the said Sports, Pastimes, or Games, to which a different Name may by general or local Usage be appropriated, or by betting on the Sides or Hands of such as do play thereat, whether any Order of any Court or Judge shall have been made therein or not, shall be and the same hereby are stayed and suspended until the End of the next Session of Parliament; and that no Action, Suit, or other Proceeding shall be brought, commenced, or prosecuted for the Purpose of recovering any Forfeiture or pecuniary Penalty incurred or supposed to have been incurred, under the Provisions of the several Acts recited in the said recited Act, or any or either of them, by playing at any of the said Sports or Pastimes mentioned in the Schedule annexed to the said recited Act, or at any *bonâ fide* Variety of any of the said Sports, Pastimes, or Games, or at any Sport, Pastime, or Game of a like or similar Description to any of the said Sports, Pastimes, or Games, to which a different Name may by general or local Usage be appropriated, or by betting on the Sides or Hands of such as do play thereat, previously to the End of the next Session of Parliament.

When Actions are prosecuted contrary to Provisions of this Act a Verdict to be found for Defendant.

II. And be it enacted, That in case any such Action or Actions which have already been commenced shall be further prosecuted, or in case any such Action or Actions shall be commenced after the passing of this Act, it shall be lawful for the Defendant or Defendants in any such Action or Actions to plead the General Issue, and to give this Act in Evidence under it; and thereupon the Judge before whom such Action or Actions shall be tried shall direct, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to direct, a Verdict or Verdicts and Judgment or Judgments to be entered for such Defendant or Defendants.

Continuing Provisions of recited Act.

III. And be it enacted, That all the said recited Act of the present Session of Parliament, so far as it relates to all other Powers, Provisions, Matters, and Things therein contained, shall continue in force until the End of the next Session of Parliament.

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