§ 224. Penalty for unlawful racing and betting. All racing or trials of speed between horses or other animals for any bet, stake or reward, except such as is allowed by this article or by special laws, is a public nuisance; and every person acting or aiding therein, or making or being interested in such bet, stake or reward is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail or penitentiary for a period of not more than one year; and in addition to the penalty prescribed therefor he forfeits to the people of this state all title or interest in any animal used with his privity in such race or trial of speed, and in any sum of money or other property betted or staked upon the result thereof.