

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

**SESSION LAW 2005-437
HOUSE BILL 888**

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR COCKFIGHTING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-362 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-362. ~~Cock fighting.~~ Cockfighting.

A person who instigates, promotes, conducts, is employed at, allows property under his ownership or control to be used for, participates as a spectator at, or profits from an exhibition featuring the fighting of a cock is guilty of a Class 2 ~~misdemeanor~~ felony. A lease of property that is used or is intended to be used for an exhibition featuring the fighting of a cock is void, and a lessor who knows this use is made or is intended to be made of his property is under a duty to evict the lessee immediately."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of August, 2005.

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

s/ James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Michael F. Easley
Governor

Approved 3:03 p.m. this 27th day of September, 2005