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HOUSE BILL 1386

Short Title: Strengthen Prohibition on Cockfighting.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Allred.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE LAW PROHIBITING COCKFIGHTING AND
3 RELATED ACTIVITIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 "§ 14-362. Cockfighting.

7 (a) A person who instigates, promotes, conducts, is employed at, allows property
8 under his ownership or control to be used for, participates as a spectator at, or profits
9 from an exhibition featuring the fighting of a ~~cock~~ rooster, gamecock, or other fighting
10 bird is guilty of a Class I felony. A lease of property that is used or is intended to be
11 used for an exhibition featuring the fighting of a ~~cock~~ rooster, gamecock, or other
12 fighting bird is void, and a lessor who knows this use is made or is intended to be made
13 of ~~his~~ the lessor's property is under a duty to evict the lessee immediately.

14 (b) A person who owns, possesses, sells, or trains a rooster, gamecock, or other
15 fighting bird with the intent that the bird be used in an exhibition featuring the baiting of
16 that bird or the fighting of that bird with another bird or with another animal is guilty of
17 a Class I felony.

18 (c) A person who manufactures, possesses, promotes, buys, sells, or transports
19 any of the implements commonly known as gaffs or slashers, or any other sharp
20 implement designed to be attached in place of the natural spur of a rooster, gamecock,
21 or other fighting bird, or any device intended to enhance an animal's fighting ability or
22 for use in an exhibition of animal fighting is guilty of a Class I felony.

23 (d) For purposes of this section:

24 (1) "Cockfight" means a fight between two or more birds that is arranged
25 by a person and that has the purpose or probable result of one bird
26 inflicting injury to another bird.

27 (2) "Fighting bird" means a bird, battlecock, cock, or rooster that is
28 intentionally bred or trained for use in, or that actually is used in, a
29 cockfight.

1 (3) "Gaff" means an artificial steel spur, designed for attachment to the leg
2 of a fighting bird in replacement of the bird's natural spurs, consisting
3 of a needle-like spike and of various lengths, also referred to as a
4 bayonette, jagger, or skeleton.

5 (4) "Slasher" means a steel weapon resembling a curved knife blade
6 designed for attachment to the foot of a fighting bird."

7 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to
8 acts committed on or after that date.