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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Dogfights - Attendance**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from attending a dogfight; and generally
4 relating to dogfights.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
7 Section 59(b)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

13 59.

14 (b) Any person who (1) intentionally mutilates or cruelly kills an animal, or
15 causes, procures, or authorizes the cruel killing or intentional mutilation of an animal;
16 [or] (2) uses or permits a dog to be used in A DOGFIGHT; or (3) arranges [or], conducts,
17 OR ATTENDS a dogfight, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding
18 \$5,000 or by imprisonment not to exceed 3 years, or both.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 1996.