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## ENROLLED BILL

-- Judiciary/Judicial Proceedings --

Introd	luced by Delegate Boutin				
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	d with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this day of at o'clock,M.	Proofreader.			
		Speaker.			
	CHAPTER				
1 A	N ACT concerning				
2	Criminal Law - Animal Cruelty - Dogfighting and Cockfighting				
3 F	OR the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly attending as a spectator a				
4	deliberately conducted event that uses a fowl, cock, or other bird to fight with				
5	another fowl, cock, or other bird; prohibiting a person from possessing, owning,				
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7 8	<u>intent to use the animal</u> for certain purposes; prohibiting a person from possessing certain implements or devices relating to a fowl, cock, or other bird				
9	fighting with another fowl, cock, or other bird <u>under certain circumstances</u> ;				
10	prohibiting a person from knowingly allowing certain premises to be used to				
11	conduct dogfights or fights between fowl, cocks, or other birds; prohibiting a				
12	person from arranging or conducting a dogfight or a fight in which a fowl, cock,				
13	or other bird fights another fowl, cock, or other bird; defining certain terms;				

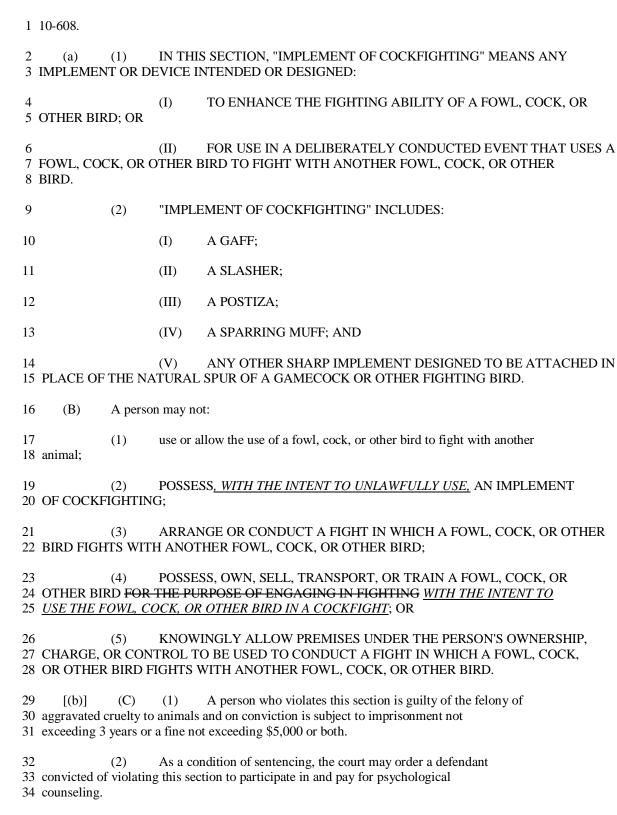
17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

cruelty, dogfighting, and cockfighting.

authorizing a court to order psychological counseling under certain

circumstances; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to animal

1 2 3 4	Article - Criminal Law Section 10-605, 10-607, and 10-608 Annotated Code of Maryland (2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)				
5 6			IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ne Laws of Maryland read as follows:		
7			Article - Criminal Law		
8	10-605.				
9 10	(a) spectator.	A persoi	n may not knowingly attend a deliberately conducted dogfight as a		
	DELIBERAT	TELY C	ON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY ATTEND AS A SPECTATOR A ONDUCTED EVENT THAT USES A FOWL, COCK, OR OTHER BIRD TO THER FOWL, COCK, OR OTHER BIRD.		
	L(-/J		(1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor subject to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not both.		
	(2) As a condition of sentencing, the court may order a defendant convicted of violating this section to participate in and pay for psychological counseling.				
20	10-607.				
21	(a)	A persoi	n may not:		
22	(	(1)	use or allow a dog to be used in a dogfight; [or]		
23		(2)	arrange or conduct a dogfight;		
24 25		(3) OF BEIN	POSSESS, OWN, SELL, TRANSPORT, OR TRAIN A DOG <del>FOR THE</del> <del>G-USED</del> <u>WITH THE INTENT TO USE THE DOG</u> IN A DOGFIGHT; OR		
26 27		(4) OR CON	KNOWINGLY ALLOW PREMISES UNDER THE PERSON'S OWNERSHIP TROL TO BE USED TO CONDUCT A DOGFIGHT.		
	cruelty to ani		A person who violates this section is guilty of the felony of aggravated d on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 3 years ag \$5,000 or both.		
		(2) violating	As a condition of sentencing, the court may order a defendant g this section to participate in and pay for psychological		



- 1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take 2 effect October 1, 2004.