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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Commercial Depiction of Dogfight or Cockfight - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from knowingly creating, selling,  
4 distributing, displaying, or possessing a depiction of a dogfight or cockfight for  
5 commercial gain; establishing criminal penalties for a violation of this Act;  
6 providing a court with a certain condition of sentencing that may be imposed on  
7 a defendant found guilty of a violation of this Act; defining certain terms; and  
8 generally relating to the depiction of dogfights and cockfights.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Criminal Law

11 Section 10-608.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2002 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Criminal Law**

17 10-608.1.

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) "COCKFIGHT" MEANS A DELIBERATELY CONDUCTED EVENT THAT  
21 USES A FOWL, COCK, OR OTHER BIRD TO FIGHT WITH ANOTHER FOWL, COCK, OR  
22 OTHER BIRD.

23 (3) "DEPICTION" MEANS A VISUAL OR AUDITORY RECORDING OR  
24 TRANSMISSION USING PHOTOGRAPHIC, FILM, VIDEO, ELECTRONIC, COMPUTER, OR  
25 SOUND EQUIPMENT.

1 (B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY CREATE, SELL, DISTRIBUTE, DISPLAY, OR  
2 POSSESS A DEPICTION OF A DOGFIGHT OR COCKFIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL GAIN.

3 (C) (1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY  
4 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A  
5 FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.

6 (2) AS A CONDITION OF SENTENCING, THE COURT MAY ORDER A  
7 DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN AND PAY  
8 FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2006.