

SENATE BILL 44

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By: **Senator Stone**

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2008

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Dogfight and Cockfight Attendance - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~making it a felony to attend a dogfight or a cockfight under certain~~
4 ~~circumstances~~, altering ~~the penalty~~ certain penalties for knowingly attending a
5 deliberately conducted dogfight or a deliberately conducted event that uses a
6 fowl, cock, or other bird to fight another fowl, cock, or other bird; and generally
7 relating to penalties for attendance at a dogfight or a cockfight.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Criminal Law
10 Section 10-605
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Criminal Law**

16 10-605.

17 (a) A person may not knowingly attend a deliberately conducted dogfight as
18 a spectator.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (b) A person may not knowingly attend as a spectator a deliberately
2 conducted event that uses a fowl, cock, or other bird to fight with another fowl, cock, or
3 other bird.

4 (c) (1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a ~~mis~~misdemeanor
5 ~~FELONY~~ and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding [90 days] ~~3~~
6 ~~YEARS~~ 1 YEAR or a fine not exceeding [\$1,000] ~~\$5,000~~ \$2,500 or both.

7 (2) As a condition of sentencing, the court may order a defendant
8 convicted of violating this section to participate in and pay for psychological
9 counseling.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.