

110TH CONGRESS
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S. _____

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KERRY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITIONS ON DOG FIGHTING VENTURES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 26 of the Animal Welfare
5 Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

7 (A) by striking “any person to knowingly
8 sponsor” and inserting “any person—

9 “(A) to knowingly sponsor”;

10 (B) by striking the period at the end and
11 inserting “; or”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(B) to knowingly sponsor or exhibit an
3 animal in, or knowingly attend, a dog fighting
4 venture.”;

5 (2) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) by striking “any person to knowingly
7 sell” and inserting “any person—

8 “(A) to knowingly sell”; and

9 (B) by striking the period at the end and
10 inserting “; or”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(B) to knowingly sell, buy, possess, train,
13 transport, deliver, or receive for purposes of
14 transportation, any dog or other animal for the
15 purposes of having the dog or other animal, or
16 offspring of the dog or other animal, participate
17 in a dog fighting venture.”; and

18 (3) in subsection (g)—

19 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at
20 the end;

21 (B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
22 paragraph (7); and

23 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
24 following:

25 “(6) the term ‘dog fighting venture’—

1 “(A) means any event that—

2 “(i) involves a fight between at least
3 2 animals;

4 “(ii) includes at least 1 dog; and

5 “(iii) is conducted for purposes of
6 sport, wagering, or entertainment; and

7 “(B) does not include any activity the pri-
8 mary purpose of which involves the use of 1 or
9 more animals to hunt another animal; and”.

10 (b) ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBI-
11 TIONS.—Section 49 of title 18, United States Code, is
12 amended by inserting “(or in the case of a dog fighting
13 venture (as defined in section 26(g) of that Act) not more
14 than 5 years)” before “, or both”.