

Included in Senate version of Farm Bill as passed 12/14/07

SEC. 11072. PROHIBITIONS ON DOG FIGHTING VENTURES.

(a) *In General.*--Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) is amended--

(1) in subsection (a)(1)--

(A) by striking ``any person to knowingly sponsor'' and inserting ``any person--

``(A) to knowingly sponsor'';

(B) by striking the period at the end and inserting ``; or''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

``(B) to knowingly sponsor or exhibit an animal in a dog fighting venture.'';

(2) in subsection (b)--

(A) by striking ``any person to knowingly sell'' and inserting ``any person--

``(1) to knowingly sell'';

(B) by striking the period at the end and inserting ``; or''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

``(2) to knowingly sell, buy, possess, train, transport, deliver, or receive for purposes of transportation, any dog or other animal, for the purposes of having the dog or other animal, or offspring of the dog or other animal, participate in a dog fighting venture.'';

(3) in the last sentence of subsection (f), by striking ``by the United States''; and

(4) in subsection (g) --

(A) in paragraph (5), by striking ``and'' at the end;

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

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

`` (6) the term `dog fighting venture'--

`` (A) means any event that--

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

`` (ii) includes at least 1 dog; and

`` (iii) is conducted for purposes of sport, wagering, or entertainment; and

`` (B) does not include any activity the primary purpose of which involves the use of 1 or more animals to hunt another animal; and".

(b) *Enforcement of Animal Fighting Prohibitions.*--Section 49 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: `` §49. Enforcement of animal fighting prohibitions

`` (a) *Animal Fighting Ventures.*--Whoever violates subsection (a)(1)(A), (b)(1), (c), or (e) of section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 3 years, or both, for each violation.

`` (b) *Dog Fighting Ventures.*--Whoever violates subsection (a)(1)(B) or (b)(2) of section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both, for each violation.".