

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 959

Short Title: Cock Fighting/Increase Penalty.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Russell.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

April 8, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF COCK FIGHTING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-362 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-362. Cock fighting.

(a) A person who instigates, promotes, conducts, is employed at, provides a cock for, allows property under his ownership or control to be used for, participates as a spectator at, gambles on or profits from an exhibition featuring the fighting of a cock is guilty of a ~~Class 2 misdemeanor~~ Class H felony. A lease of property that is used or is intended to be used for an exhibition featuring the fighting of a cock is void, and a lessor who knows this use is made or is intended to be made of his property is under a duty to evict the lessee immediately.

(b) A person who owns, possesses, or trains a cock with the intent that the cock be used in an exhibition featuring the fighting of that cock is guilty of a Class H felony."

Section 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1999, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.