

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 888

Short Title: Cockfighting/Increase Penalty.

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Sponsors: Representatives Allred; Bordsen, Culp, Jones, and McGee.

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Referred to: Judiciary III.

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March 24, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR COCKFIGHTING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-362 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-362. ~~Cock fighting.~~ **Cockfighting.**

A person who instigates, promotes, conducts, is employed at, allows property under his ownership or control to be used for, participates as a spectator at, or profits from an exhibition featuring the fighting of a cock is guilty of a Class 2 ~~misdemeanor.~~ 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."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.