

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 888
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/31/05
Senate Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 8/10/05

Short Title: Cockfighting/Increase Penalty.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 24, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR COCKFIGHTING.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

5 "**§ 14-362. ~~Cock fighting.~~ Cockfighting.**

6 A person who instigates, promotes, conducts, is employed at, allows property under
7 his ownership or control to be used for, participates as a spectator at, or profits from an
8 exhibition featuring the fighting of a cock is guilty of a Class ~~21~~ misdemeanor. A
9 second or subsequent violation shall be a Class H felony. A lease of property that is
10 used or is intended to be used for an exhibition featuring the fighting of a cock is void,
11 and a lessor who knows this use is made or is intended to be made of his property is
12 under a duty to evict the lessee immediately."

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