

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 21

Short Title: Clarify Dog Fighting and Baiting Law.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Snow; and Goodall.

Referred to: Judiciary II (Criminal).

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE STATUTE PROHIBITING DOG FIGHTING  
3 AND BAITING DOES NOT APPLY TO THE USE OF HERDING DOGS  
4 WORKING WITH DOMESTICATED LIVESTOCK.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-362.2 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 14-362.2. Dog fighting and baiting.**

8 (a) A person who instigates, promotes, conducts, is employed at, provides a dog  
9 for, allows property under the person's ownership or control to be used for, gambles on,  
10 or profits from an exhibition featuring the baiting of a dog or the fighting of a dog with  
11 another dog or with another animal is guilty of a Class H felony. A lease of property  
12 that is used or is intended to be used for an exhibition featuring the baiting of a dog or  
13 the fighting of a dog with another dog or with another animal is void, and a lessor who  
14 knows this use is made or is intended to be made of the lessor's property is under a duty  
15 to evict the lessee immediately.

16 (b) A person who owns, possesses, or trains a dog with the intent that the dog be  
17 used in an exhibition featuring the baiting of that dog or the fighting of that dog with  
18 another dog or with another animal is guilty of a Class H felony.

19 (c) A person who participates as a spectator at an exhibition featuring the baiting  
20 of a dog or the fighting of a dog with another dog or with another animal is guilty of a  
21 Class H felony.

22 (d) This section does not prohibit the use of dogs in the lawful taking of animals  
23 under the jurisdiction and regulation of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

24 (e) This section does not apply to the use of herding dogs engaged in the working  
25 of domesticated livestock for agricultural, entertainment, or sporting purposes."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.