

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 959
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/26/99

Short Title: Cockfighting/Increase Penalty.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 8, 1999

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR AND EXPAND THE CRIMINAL
3 OFFENSE OF COCKFIGHTING.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

6 "**§ 14-362. Cock fighting.**

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

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

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