

A bill for an act

relating to animals; changing provisions prohibiting animal fights and possession of certain items; imposing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 343.31, subdivision 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 343.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Penalty for animal fighting; attending animal fight.** A person who:

(1) promotes, engages in, or is employed in the activity of cockfighting, dogfighting, or violent pitting of one ~~domestic~~ animal against another of the same or a different kind;

(2) receives money for the admission of a person to a place used, or about to be used, for that activity;

(3) willfully permits a person to enter or use for that activity premises of which the permitter is the owner, agent, or occupant; ~~or~~

(4) uses, trains, or possesses a dog or other animal for the purpose of participating in, engaging in, or promoting that activity; or

(5) possesses any device or substance intended to enhance an animal's ability to fight is guilty of a felony. A person who purchases a ticket of admission or otherwise gains admission to that activity is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.