

A bill for an act  
relating to animals; prohibiting possession of certain devices or substances;  
amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 343.31, subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 343.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Penalty for animal fighting; attending animal fight.** (a) Whoever  
does any of the following is guilty of a felony:

(1) promotes, engages in, or is employed in the activity of cockfighting, dogfighting,  
or violent pitting of one pet or companion animal as defined in section 346.36, subdivision  
6, 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 with intent to use or permit the use of the  
same to enhance an animal's ability to fight.

(b) Whoever purchases a ticket of admission or otherwise gains admission to the  
activity of cockfighting, dogfighting, or violent pitting of one pet or companion animal as  
defined in section 346.36, subdivision 6, against another of the same or a different kind is  
guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

(c) This subdivision shall not apply to the taking of a wild animal by hunting.