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**HOUSE BILL 922**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

**INTRODUCED BY**

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**AN ACT**

**RELATING TO ANIMALS; PROHIBITING COCK FIGHTING; ESTABLISHING  
CRIMES; PROVIDING PENALTIES.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:**

**Section 1. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 18 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:**

**" [NEW MATERIAL] COCK FIGHTING-- CRIMES-- PENALTIES. --**

**A. Sponsoring a cock fight consists of a person  
causing, sponsoring, arranging to hold, providing facilities  
for or knowingly participating in the organization of a cock  
fight.**

**B. Participating in a cock fight for the purpose  
of monetary gain or entertainment consists of an adult  
knowingly owning, training, equipping, sponsoring or in any  
way causing a cock to participate in a cock fight.**

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C. Being present at a cock fight consists of an adult being at a location or facility where a cock fight is occurring for monetary gain or entertainment and not taking action to interfere with or stop the cock fight.

D. A person who commits sponsoring a cock fight is guilty of a fourth degree felony.

E. A person who commits participating in a cock fight for the purpose of monetary gain or entertainment is guilty of a fourth degree felony.

F. A person who commits being present at a cock fight is guilty of a misdemeanor.

G. As used in this section, "cock" means a male member of the genus Gallus, bred and trained for fighting."

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 2001.