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SENATE BILL 276

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ANIMALS; PROHIBITING ANIMAL FIGHTING FOR MONETARY GAIN OR ENTERTAINMENT; PROVIDING PENALTIES; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

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

Section 1. Section 30-18-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 30, Section 1) is amended to read:

"30-18-9. [~~DOG~~] ANIMAL FIGHTING--PENALTY. --

A. It is unlawful for any person to cause, sponsor, arrange, hold or participate in a fight between [~~dogs~~] animals for the purpose of monetary gain or entertainment. Participation in a fight between [~~dogs~~] animals for the purpose of monetary gain or entertainment consists of an adult knowingly:

- (1) being present at such a fight without

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1 attempting to interfere with or stop such contest; or

2 (2) owning or equipping one of the
3 participating [~~dogs~~] animals with knowledge of such contest.

4 B. It is unlawful to train, equip or sponsor [~~a~~
5 ~~dog~~] an animal for the purpose of having it participate in a
6 fight with another [~~dog~~] animal for monetary gain or
7 entertainment.

8 C. Any person violating the provisions of
9 Subsection A or B of this section is guilty of a fourth degree
10 felony.

11 D. As used in this section, "animal" means a
12 vertebrate member of the animal kingdom, excluding humans."

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