

1 SENATE BILL 74

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO CRIME; REVISING PENALTIES FOR COCKFIGHTING.

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

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

16 "30-18-9. DOG FIGHTING AND COCKFIGHTING--PENALTY.--

17 A. It is unlawful for any person to cause, sponsor,  
18 arrange, hold or participate in a fight between dogs or cocks  
19 for the purpose of monetary gain or entertainment.

20 Participation in a fight between dogs or cocks for the purpose  
21 of monetary gain or entertainment consists of an adult  
22 knowingly:

23 (1) being present at a dog fight or cockfight  
24 without attempting to interfere with or stop the contest; or

25 (2) owning or equipping one of the

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1 participating dogs or cocks with knowledge of the contest.

2           B. It is unlawful to train, equip or sponsor a dog  
3 or cock for the purpose of having it participate in a fight  
4 with another dog or cock, respectively, for monetary gain or  
5 entertainment.

6           C. Any person violating the provisions of  
7 Subsection A or B of this section ~~[as it pertains to dogs]~~ is  
8 guilty of a fourth degree felony.

9           ~~[D. Any person violating the provisions of  
10 Subsection A or B of this section as it pertains to cocks:~~

11           ~~(1) upon a first conviction, is guilty of a  
12 petty misdemeanor;~~

13           ~~(2) upon a second conviction, is guilty of a  
14 misdemeanor; and~~

15           ~~(3) upon a third or subsequent conviction, is  
16 guilty of a fourth degree felony.]"~~

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