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SENATE BILL 74

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

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIME; REVISING PENALTIES FOR COCKFIGHTING.

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, as amended) is amended to read:

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

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

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