

Regular Session, 2004

HOUSE BILL NO. 1244

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE

ANIMALS: Prohibits hog and canine fighting

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:102.19, relative to offenses affecting the public sensibility; to create the
3 crime of hog and canine fighting; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties;
4 to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:102.19 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §102.19. Hog and canine fighting prohibited; penalties

8 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to organize or conduct any commercial
9 or private event, wherein there is a display of combat or fighting among one or more
10 domestic or feral canines and feral or domestic hogs and in which it is intended or
11 reasonably foreseeable that the canines or hogs would be injured, maimed, mutilated,
12 or killed.

13 B. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally do any of the following
14 for the purpose of organizing, conducting, or financially or materially supporting any
15 event as provided in Subsection A of this Section:

16 (1) Finance, commercially advertise, sell admission tickets, or employ
17 persons.

18 (2) Own, manage, or operate any facility or property.

19 (3) Supply, breed, train, or keep canines or hogs.

20 (4) Knowingly purchase tickets of admission.

1 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any competitive event in
 2 which canines, which are trained for hunting or herding activities, are released in an
 3 open area or an enclosed area to locate and corner hogs, and in which competitive
 4 points are deducted if a hog is caught and held, unless by such actions it is reasonably
 5 foreseeable that the canines or hogs would be injured, maimed, mutilated, or killed.

6 D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the lawful hunting of
 7 hogs with dogs or the use of canines for the management, farming, or herding of hogs
 8 which are livestock.

9 E. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to "Uncle Earl's Hog Dog
 10 Trials," as defined in R.S. 49:170.10.

11 F. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more
 12 than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

13 G. For the purposes of this Section, "hog" shall include a pig, swine, or boar.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the crime of hog and canine fighting.

Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to organize or conduct any commercial or private event, wherein there is a display of combat or fighting among one or more domestic or feral canines and feral or domestic hogs and in which it is intended or reasonably foreseeable that the canines or hogs would be injured, maimed, mutilated, or killed.

Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally do any of the following for the purpose of organizing, conducting, or financially or materially supporting any hog and canine fighting event:

- (1) Finance, commercially advertise, supply materials, sell tickets of admission, or employ persons.
- (2) Own, manage, or operate any facility or property.
- (3) Supply, breed, train, or keep canines or hogs.
- (4) Knowingly purchase tickets of admission.

Proposed law provides that this crime shall not apply to any competitive event in which canines, which are trained for hunting or herding activities, are released in an open or enclosed area to locate and corner hogs, and in which competitive points are deducted if a hog is caught and held, unless by such actions it is reasonably foreseeable that the canines or hogs would be injured, maimed, mutilated, or killed.

Proposed law further provides that this crime shall not apply to lawful hunting with dogs or the use of canines for the management, farming, or herding of hogs which are livestock.

Proposed law creates an exception to the crime for "Uncle Earl's Hog Dog Trials," as defined in present law.

Proposed law provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$1,000 and imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law defines "hog" as a pig, swine, or boar.

(Adds R.S. 14:102.19)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Revises the bill to prohibit dog and canine fighting and adds activities which are prohibited.
2. Creates an exception for "Uncle Earl's Hog Dog Trials", hunting and the use of canines for the management, farming, or herding of hogs.
3. Creates an exception for any competitive event in which canines, which are trained for hunting or herding activities, are released in an enclosed area to locate and corner hogs, and in which competitive points are deducted if a hog is caught and held, unless by such actions it is reasonably foreseeable that the canines or hogs would be injured, maimed, mutilated, or killed.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added an additional exclusion from proposed law prohibitions for certain competitive events involving the release of hogs into an open area.
2. Added an additional exclusion from proposed law prohibitions for the use of canines for the management, farming, or herding of hogs which are livestock.
3. Added definition of a "hog."