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DIGEST

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Proposed law creates the crime of unlawful possession, transfer, or manufacture of animal fighting paraphernalia.

Proposed law provides that it is unlawful for any person to possess, purchase, sell, transfer, or manufacture animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent to engage in, promote, or facilitate animal fighting, including dogfighting, cockfighting, or any other form of animal fighting prohibited by present law.

Proposed law defines "animal fighting paraphernalia" as equipment, products, implements, and materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in the training, preparation, conditioning, or furtherance of animal fighting, including breaking sticks, cat mills, treadmills, fighting pits, spring poles, unprescribed veterinary medicine, veterinary treatment supplies, spurs, gaffs, knives, leather training spur covers, slashers, heels, or any other sharp implement designed to be attached in place of the natural spur of a cock or game fowl. However, proposed law does not prohibit the possessing, buying, selling, or trading of any spurs, gaffs, knives, leather training spur covers, or any other items normally used in cockfighting that are at least five years old and have historical value.

Proposed law does not prohibit the training of animals or the use of equipment in the training of animals for any purpose not prohibited by present law or proposed law.

A violation of proposed law is punishable by a fine of up to $500, or imprisonment of up to six months, or both.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 14:102.29)