

By: Senator(s) Tollison, Dearing, Albritton, Thames, Dawkins, Harvey, Jackson (11th), Jackson (32nd) To: Judiciary, Division B

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2354

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT HOG AND CANINE FIGHTING WHEN INTENTIONALLY
2 CONDUCTED BY ANY PERSON; TO ENACT PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; AND FOR
3 RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) For the purposes of this section, "hog"
6 means a pig, swine or boar.

7 (2) It is unlawful for any person to organize or conduct any
8 commercial or private event, commonly referred to as a "catch,"
9 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
11 it is intended or reasonably foreseeable that the canines or hogs
12 would be injured, maimed, mutilated or killed.

13 (3) It is unlawful for any person to intentionally do any of
14 the following for the purpose of organizing, conducting or
15 financially or materially supporting any event prohibited by this
16 section:

17 (a) Finance, commercially advertise, sell admission
18 tickets or employ persons.

19 (b) Own, manage or operate any facility or property.

20 (c) Supply, breed, train or keep canines or hogs.

21 (d) Knowingly purchase tickets of admission.

22 (4) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any
23 competitive event in which canines trained for hunting or herding
24 activities are released in an open or enclosed area to locate and
25 corner hogs, commonly referred to as a "bay event," and in which
26 competitive points are deducted if a hog is caught and held,

27 unless by these actions it is reasonably foreseeable that the
28 canines or hogs would be injured, maimed, mutilated or killed.

29 (5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the
30 lawful hunting of hogs with canines or the use of canines for the
31 management, farming or herding of hogs which are livestock or the
32 private training of canines for the purposes enumerated in this
33 subsection provided that such training is conducted for the field
34 using accepted dog handling and training practices and is not in
35 violation of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section.

36 (6) Any person convicted under the provisions of this
37 section shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars
38 (\$1,000.00), imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.

39 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
40 and after July 1, 2005.