

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Judiciary, Division B

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 wherein there is a display of combat  
9 or fighting among one or more domestic or feral canines and feral  
10 or domestic hogs and in which it is intended or reasonably  
11 foreseeable that the canines or hogs would be injured, maimed,  
12 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, and in which competitive points are deducted if a hog  
26 is caught and held, unless by these actions it is reasonably

27 foreseeable that the canines or hogs would be injured, maimed,  
28 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 in the field  
34 and is not in violation of the provisions of subsection (1) of  
35 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.