

By: Representative Warren

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 947
(As Passed the House)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-41-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO EXTEND FROM JULY 1, 2008, TO JULY 1, 2012, THE DATE THAT THE
3 CRIMINAL LAW SETTING FORTH THE CRIME OF CONDUCTING A FIGHT BETWEEN
4 A CANINE AND A HOG WILL REPEAL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 97-41-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 97-41-18. (1) For the purposes of this section, "hog" means
9 a pig, swine or boar.

10 (2) It is unlawful for any person to organize or conduct any
11 commercial event commonly referred to as a "catch" wherein there
12 is a display of combat or fighting among one or more domestic or
13 feral canines and feral or domestic hogs and in which it is
14 intended or reasonably foreseeable that the canines or hogs would
15 be injured, maimed, mutilated or killed.

16 (3) It is unlawful for any person to organize, conduct or
17 financially or materially support any event prohibited by this
18 section.

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

24 (5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the
25 lawful hunting of hogs with canines or the use of canines for the
26 management, farming or herding of hogs which are livestock or the
27 private training of canines for the purposes enumerated in this



28 subsection provided that such training is conducted for the field
29 using accepted dog handling and training practices and is not in
30 violation of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section.

31 (6) Any person convicted under the provisions of this
32 section shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars
33 (\$1,000.00), imprisoned for not more than six (6) months, or both.

34 (7) * * * This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2012.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2008.

