

By: Senator(s) Hill, Tindell, Collins,
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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2504

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-41-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DELETE THE AUTOMATIC REPEAL ON THE LAW PROHIBITING THE STAGING
3 OF CANINE-HOG FIGHTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

7 97-41-18. (1) For the purposes of this section, "hog" means
8 a pig, swine or boar.

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

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

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

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



28 using accepted dog handling and training practices and is not in
29 violation of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section.

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

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34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after its passage.

