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HOUSE BILL 37

Short Title: Outlaw Dogfights.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Cocklereece; Allred, Gardner, Rayfield, J. Robinson, Sharpe, Shubert, Watson, and Weatherly.

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Referred to: Rules.

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July 10, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT AN EXHIBITION FEATURING A DOGFIGHT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. A person who instigates, promotes, conducts, is employed at, provides a dog for, allows property under his ownership or control to be used for, or profits from an exhibition featuring the fighting or baiting of a dog is guilty of a Class I felony. A lease of property that is used or is intended to be used for an exhibition featuring the fighting or baiting of a dog is void, and a lessor who knows this use is made or is intended to be made of his property is under a duty to evict the lessee immediately.

Sec. 2. A person who owns, possesses, or trains a dog with the intent that the dog be used in an exhibition featuring the fighting or baiting of that dog is guilty of a Class I felony.

Sec. 3. A person who participates as a spectator at an exhibition featuring the fighting or baiting of a dog is guilty of a Class I felony.

Sec. 4. A person who commits an offense under Section 1 within three years after being convicted of an offense under this section is guilty of a Class H felony.

Sec. 5. This act applies only to Brunswick, Cleveland, Duplin, Durham, Gaston, Guilford, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Polk, Rutherford, Union, Wake, and Wayne Counties.

1           Sec. 6. This act becomes effective January 1, 1997, and applies to offenses  
2 committed on or after that date.