

SENATE BILL NO. 144

BY SENATORS TARVER AND CARTER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:102.29, relative to offenses affecting the public sensibility; to create the crime of unlawful possession, transfer, or manufacture of animal fighting paraphernalia; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions; to provide penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:102.29 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§102.29. Unlawful possession, transfer, or manufacture of animal fighting paraphernalia

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, purchase, sell, transfer, or manufacture animal fighting paraphernalia with the intent to engage in, promote, or facilitate animal fighting in violation of R.S. 14:102.1, 102.5, or 102.23, or any other provision of law.

B. For purposes of this Section, "animal fighting paraphernalia" means equipment, products, implements, or materials of any kind that are used, intended for use, or designed for use in the training, preparation, conditioning, or furtherance of animal fighting, and includes but is not limited to the following:

- (1) Breaking sticks.**
- (2) Cat mills.**
- (3) Treadmills.**
- (4) Fighting pits.**
- (5) Spring poles.**
- (6) Unprescribed veterinary medicine.**
- (7) Veterinary treatment supplies.**

1 **(8)(a) Spurs, gaffs, knives, leather training spur covers, slashers, heels,**
2 **or any other sharp implement designed to be attached in place of the natural**
3 **spur of a cock or game fowl.**

4 **(b) This Paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the possessing,**
5 **buying, selling, or trading of any spurs, gaffs, knives, leather training spur**
6 **covers, or any other items normally used in cockfighting that are at least five**
7 **years old and have historical value.**

8 **C. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the training of animals or the**
9 **use of equipment in the training of animals for any purpose not prohibited by**
10 **law.**

11 **D. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more**
12 **than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.**

13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
17 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____