

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 476

BY SENATOR OWEN

CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Criminalizes the use of bait dogs in the training process for dog fighting. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:102.5(B) and (C) and to enact R.S. 14:102.5(A)(7)(b)(iv) and
3 (D)(5), relative to the crime of dogfighting and training dogs for dogfighting; to
4 provide that the possession or use of a bait dog is admissible as evidence of
5 dogfighting; to provide an increase in the minimum fine for dogfighting; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. RS. 14:102.5(B) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
9 14:102.5(A)(7)(b)(iv) and (D)(5) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §102.5. Dogfighting; training and possession of dogs for fighting

11 A. * * *

12 (7) * * *

13 (b) The following activities shall be admissible as evidence of a violation of
14 this Paragraph:

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16 **(iv) Possession or use of a bait dog to train another dog for dogfighting.**

17 **B.(1) "Bait dog" means a dog chosen for its submissive or docile nature**

dogfighting. Proposed law also provides that owning or possessing a former bait dog for the purpose of providing it with rehabilitative care is not a violation of proposed law. Proposed law increases the minimum fine from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 14:102.5(B) and (C); adds R.S. 14:102.5(A)(7)(b)(iv) and (D)(5))