

SENATE BILL NO. 476

BY SENATOR OWEN

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AN ACT

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 (D)(5), relative to the crime of dogfighting and training dogs for dogfighting; to provide that the possession or use of a bait dog is admissible as evidence of dogfighting; to provide an increase in the minimum fine for dogfighting; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

A. * * *

(7) * * *

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

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

B.(1) "Bait dog" means a dog that is used as bait to train another dog to be more aggressive and accustomed to attacking other dogs for the purpose of dogfighting.

(2) "Dogfighting" means an organized event wherein there is a display of combat between two or more dogs in which the fighting, killing, maiming, or injuring of a dog is the significant feature, or main purpose, of the event.

1 C. Whoever violates any provision of Subsection A of this Section shall be
2 fined not less than ~~one~~ **five** thousand dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand
3 dollars, or be imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than one year nor
4 more than ten years, or both.

5 D. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit any of the following activities:

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7 **(5) Owning or possessing a former bait dog for the purpose of providing**
8 **it with rehabilitative care.**

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____