

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 137

AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Animal Fighting Pro-
3 hibition Enforcement Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBI-**
5 **TIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 49. Enforcement of animal fighting prohibitions**

10 “Whoever violates subsection (a), (b), (c), or (e) of
11 section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act shall be fined under
12 this title, imprisoned for not more than 3 years, or both,
13 for each violation.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
15 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item
16 relating to section 48 the following:

“49. Enforcement of animal fighting prohibitions.”.

17 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT.**

18 Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.
19 2156) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “interstate in-
21 strumentality” and inserting “instrumentality of
22 interstate commerce for commercial speech”;

23 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “such sub-
24 sections” and inserting “such subsection”;

1 (3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly
4 sell, buy, transport, or deliver in interstate or foreign com-
5 merce a knife, a gaff, or any other sharp instrument at-
6 tached, or designed or intended to be attached, to the leg
7 of a bird for use in an animal fighting venture.”;

8 (4) in subsection (g)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or ani-
10 mals, such as waterfowl, bird, raccoon, or fox
11 hunting”; and

12 (B) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
13 ing the following:

14 “(3) the term ‘instrumentality of interstate
15 commerce’ means any written, wire, radio, television
16 or other form of communication in, or using a facil-
17 ity of, interstate commerce;”; and

18 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
19 section:

1 “(i) The criminal penalties for violations of sub-
2 section (a), (b), (c), or (e) are provided in section 49 of
3 title 18, United States Code.”.

 Passed the House of Representatives March 26,
2007.

Attest:

Clerk.

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