

Calendar No. 91

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R. 137**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2007

Received; read twice and placed on the calendar

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBI-**
7 **TIONS.**

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

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

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

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

“49. Enforcement of animal fighting prohibitions.”.

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

10 Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.
11 2156) is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (c), by striking “interstate in-
13 strumentality” and inserting “instrumentality of
14 interstate commerce for commercial speech”;

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

17 (3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the
18 following:

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

24 (4) in subsection (g)—

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

4 (B) by striking paragraph (3) and insert-
5 ing the following:

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

10 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

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

Passed the House of Representatives March 26,
2007.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

Calendar No. 91

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.

MARCH 27, 2007

Received; read twice and placed on the calendar