

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 137

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## 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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