

Senate Bill 1072

Sponsored by Senator COURTNEY (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Increases maximum penalty for crime of participation in dogfighting to five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.

Increases maximum penalty for crime of possessing dogfighting paraphernalia to five years' imprisonment, \$125,000 fine, or both.

Expands definition of "dogfighting paraphernalia."

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to dogfighting; amending ORS 167.360, 167.370 and 167.372.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 167.370 is amended to read:

5 167.370. (1) A person commits the crime of participation in dogfighting if the person knowingly:

6 (a) Attends or has paid admission at any place for the purpose of viewing or betting upon a
7 dogfight.

8 (b) Advertises or otherwise offers to sell equipment for the training and handling of a fighting
9 dog.

10 (2) Participation in dogfighting is a Class **C felony** [*A misdemeanor*].

11 **SECTION 2.** ORS 167.372 is amended to read:

12 167.372. (1) A person commits the crime of possessing dogfighting paraphernalia if the person
13 owns or possesses dogfighting paraphernalia with the intent that the paraphernalia be used to train
14 a dog as a fighting dog or be used in the furtherance of a dogfight.

15 (2) Possessing dogfighting paraphernalia is a Class **C felony** [*A misdemeanor*].

16 **SECTION 3.** ORS 167.360 is amended to read:

17 167.360. As used in ORS 167.360 to 167.375:

18 (1) "Breaking stick" means a device designed for insertion behind the molars of a dog for the
19 purpose of breaking the dog's grip on another animal or object.

20 (2) "Cat mill" means a device that rotates around a central support with one arm designed to
21 secure a dog and one arm designed to secure a cat, rabbit or other small animal beyond the grasp
22 of the dog.

23 (3) "Dogfight" means a fight, arranged by any person, between two or more dogs the purpose
24 or probable result of which fight is the infliction of injury by one dog upon another.

25 [(4) "*Dogfighting paraphernalia*" means a breaking stick, cat mill, springpole, weighted or un-
26 weighted chain collar weighing 10 pounds or more, leather or mesh collar with a strap more than two
27 inches in width, fighting pit or unprescribed veterinary medicine that is a prescription drug as defined
28 in ORS 689.005.]

29 (4) "**Dogfighting paraphernalia**" means:

30 (a) **A breaking stick;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 **(b) A springpole;**
- 2 **(c) A cat mill;**
- 3 **(d) A treadmill;**
- 4 **(e) A fighting pit;**
- 5 **(f) A leather or mesh collar with a strap more than two inches in width;**
- 6 **(g) A weighted or unweighted chain collar weighing 10 pounds or more; or**
- 7 **(h) An unprescribed veterinary medicine that is a prescription drug as defined in ORS**
- 8 **689.005.**

9 (5) "Fighting dog" means a dog that is intentionally bred or trained to be used in, or that is
10 actually used in, a dogfight. A dog does not constitute a fighting dog solely on account of its breed.

11 (6) "Fighting pit" means a walled area designed to contain a dogfight.

12 (7) "Springpole" means a biting surface attached to a stretchable device, suspended at a height
13 sufficient to prevent a dog from reaching the biting surface while touching the ground.

14 **(8) "Treadmill" means:**

15 **(a) A carpet mill made of narrow sections of carpet;**

16 **(b) A modified electric treadmill for the purpose of conditioning dogs; or**

17 **(c) A slat mill with a running surface constructed of wooden slats.**

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