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# S. 1947

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 6, 2011

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

To prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, 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 Spec-  
5 tator Prohibition Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ATTENDING AN ANIMAL FIGHT OR**  
7 **CAUSING A MINOR TO ATTEND AN ANIMAL**  
8 **FIGHT.**

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

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in the heading, by striking “SPON-  
3 SORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANIMAL IN” and in-  
4 serting “SPONSORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANI-  
5 MAL IN, ATTENDING, OR CAUSING A MINOR TO  
6 ATTEND”;

7 (B) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in the heading, by striking “IN  
9 GENERAL” and inserting “SPONSORING OR  
10 EXHIBITING”; and

11 (ii) by striking “paragraph (2)” and  
12 inserting “paragraph (3)”;

13 (C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
14 paragraph (3); and

15 (D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
16 following new paragraph:

17 “(2) ATTENDING OR CAUSING A MINOR TO AT-  
18 TEND.—It shall be unlawful for any person to—

19 “(A) knowingly attend an animal fighting  
20 venture; or

21 “(B) cause a minor to attend an animal  
22 fighting venture.”; and

23 (2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the  
24 following new paragraph:

