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H. R. 3219

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SUTTON (for herself, Mr. HARE, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. INSLEE, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. WYNN, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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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 “Dog Fighting Prohibi-
5 tion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITIONS ON DOG FIGHTING VENTURES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 26 of the Animal Welfare
8 Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

2 (A) by striking “any person to knowingly
3 sponsor” and inserting “any person—

4 “(A) to knowingly sponsor”;

5 (B) by striking the period at the end and
6 inserting “; or”; and

7 (C) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(B) to knowingly sponsor or exhibit an
9 animal in, or knowingly attend, a dog fighting
10 venture.”;

11 (2) in subsection (b)—

12 (A) by striking “any person to knowingly
13 sell” and inserting “any person—

14 “(A) to knowingly sell”; and

15 (B) by striking the period at the end and
16 inserting “; or”; and

17 (C) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(B) to knowingly sell, buy, possess, train,
19 transport, deliver, or receive for purposes of
20 transportation, any dog or other animal for the
21 purposes of having the dog or other animal, or
22 offspring of the dog or other animal, participate
23 in a dog fighting venture.”; and

24 (3) in subsection (g)—

1 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at
 2 the end;

3 (B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as
 4 paragraph (7); and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the
 6 following:

7 “(6) the term ‘dog fighting venture’—

8 “(A) means any event that—

9 “(i) involves a fight between at least
 10 2 animals;

11 “(ii) includes at least 1 dog; and

12 “(iii) is conducted for purposes of
 13 sport, wagering, or entertainment; and

14 “(B) does not include any activity the pri-
 15 mary purpose of which involves the use of 1 or
 16 more animals to hunt another animal; and”.

17 (b) ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBI-
 18 TIONS.—Section 49 of title 18, United States Code, is
 19 amended by inserting “(or in the case of a dog fighting
 20 venture (as defined in section 26(g) of that Act) not more
 21 than 5 years)” before “, or both”.

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