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To prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. VITTER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WYDEN, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ATTENDING AN ANIMAL FIGHT OR**
2 **CAUSING A MINOR TO ATTEND AN ANIMAL**
3 **FIGHT.**

4 Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.
5 2156) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in the heading, by striking “SPON-
8 SORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANIMAL IN” and in-
9 serting “SPONSORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANI-
10 MAL IN, ATTENDING, OR CAUSING A MINOR TO
11 ATTEND”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) in the heading, by striking “IN
14 GENERAL” and inserting “SPONSORING OR
15 EXHIBITING”; and

16 (ii) by striking “paragraph (2)” and
17 inserting “paragraph (3)”;

18 (C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
19 paragraph (3); and

20 (D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
21 following:

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

24 “(A) to knowingly attend an animal fight-
25 ing venture; or

1 “(B) to knowingly cause a minor to attend
2 an animal fighting venture.”; and

3 (2) in subsection (g)—

4 (A) by striking “section—” and inserting
5 “section:”;

6 (B) by striking “the term” each place it
7 appears and inserting “The term”;

8 (C) in each of paragraphs (1) through (3),
9 by striking the semicolon at the end and insert-
10 ing a period;

11 (D) by redesignating paragraphs (1)
12 through (4) as paragraphs (2), (3), (5), and
13 (1), respectively, and moving so as to appear in
14 numerical order; and

15 (E) by inserting after paragraph (3) (as so
16 redesignated) the following:

17 “(4) The term ‘minor’ means a person under
18 the age of 18 years old.”.

19 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBI-**
20 **TIONS.**

21 Section 49 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
22 ed—

23 (1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting the fol-
24 lowing:

25 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever”;

1 (2) in subsection (a) (as designated by para-
2 graph (1)), by striking “subsection (a),” and insert-
3 ing “subsection (a)(1),”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(b) ATTENDING AN ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE.—

6 Whoever violates subsection (a)(2)(A) of section 26 of the
7 Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) shall be fined under
8 this title, imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both,
9 for each violation.

10 “(c) CAUSING A MINOR TO ATTEND AN ANIMAL
11 FIGHTING VENTURE.—Whoever violates subsection
12 (a)(2)(B) of section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7
13 U.S.C. 2156) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned
14 for not more than 3 years, or both, for each violation.”.

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