

Public Law 110–22  
110th Congress

An Act

May 3, 2007  
[H.R. 137]

To amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

Animal Fighting  
Prohibition  
Enforcement Act  
of 2007.  
18 USC 1 note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007”.

**SEC. 2. ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBITIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“§ 49. Enforcement of animal fighting prohibitions**

“Whoever violates subsection (a), (b), (c), or (e) of section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 3 years, or both, for each violation.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 48 the following:

“49. Enforcement of animal fighting prohibitions.”.

**SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT.**

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

(1) in subsection (c), by striking “interstate instrumentality” and inserting “instrumentality of interstate commerce for commercial speech”;

(2) in subsection (d), by striking “such subsections” and inserting “such subsection”;

(3) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following: “(e) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly sell, buy, transport, or deliver in interstate or foreign commerce a knife, a gaff, or any other sharp instrument attached, or designed or intended to be attached, to the leg of a bird for use in an animal fighting venture.”;

(4) in subsection (g)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or animals, such as waterfowl, bird, raccoon, or fox hunting”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) the term ‘instrumentality of interstate commerce’ means any written, wire, radio, television or other form of

communication in, or using a facility of, interstate commerce;”;  
and

(5) by adding at the end the following new subsection:  
“(i) The criminal penalties for violations of subsection (a), (b),  
(c), or (e) are provided in section 49 of title 18, United States  
Code.”.

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