



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2324

animal fighting; cockfighting; minors presence

Purpose

An emergency measure that classifies, as a class 1 misdemeanor, knowingly causing, allowing or assisting a minor to attend an animal fight or cockfight or any place where fight preparations are being made.

Background

A person commits *animal fighting* by knowingly: 1) owning, possessing, keeping or training any animal if the person knows or has reason to know that the animal will engage in an exhibition of fighting with another animal; 2) causing, for amusement or gain, animals to fight or injure one another; or 3) permitting an animal fight on premises under the person's charge or control. A person commits *cockfighting* by knowingly: 1) owning, possessing, keeping or training any cock with the intent that such cock engage in an exhibition of fighting with another cock; 2) causing, for amusement or gain, cocks to fight or injure one another; or 3) permitting a cockfight on premises under the person's charge or control. A person who commits animal fighting or cockfighting is guilty of a class 5 felony. A person who is knowingly present at an animal fight or cockfight or place where preparations are being made for an animal fight or cockfight is guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor (A.R.S. §§ [13-2910.01](#) – [13-2910.04](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Classifies, as a class 1 misdemeanor, knowingly causing, allowing or assisting a minor to attend:
 - a) an animal fight;
 - b) a cockfight; or
 - c) any place where preparations are being made for an exhibition of animal fighting or cockfighting.
2. Stipulates that the classification does not preclude the prosecution of a person for any offense based on any act that is not specifically outlined.
3. Becomes effective on signature of the Governor, if the emergency clause is enacted.

House Action

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