

HOUSE BILL 2068

By Jernigan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to cock fighting.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting:

(2) An offense involving a cock under subdivisions (a)(1)-(3) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting:

(1) A violation of subdivision (a)(4) is a Class A misdemeanor. Notwithstanding § 40-35-111(e)(1), the fine for a violation of subdivision (a)(4) involving a cock is not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(2) A violation of subdivision (a)(5) is a Class A misdemeanor. Notwithstanding § 40-35-111(e)(1), the fine for a violation of subdivision (a)(5) is not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(3) A violation of subdivision (a)(6) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July, 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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Signature of Sponsor

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting:

(1) A violation of subdivision (a)(4) is a Class A misdemeanor and any sentence imposed by the court must include a mandatory fine of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(2) A violation of subdivision (a)(5) is a Class A misdemeanor. Notwithstanding § 40-35-111(e)(1), the fine for a violation of subdivision (a)(5) is not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

(3) A violation of subdivision (a)(6) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-203(e), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (e)(1) and adding the following subdivision (e)(2):

(2) It is not an offense to own, possess, or keep cocks, or aid or abet the ownership, possession, or keeping of cocks, for the purpose of breeding, exhibiting, or showing cocks.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.



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