

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 862 OF 1981 [ARK. STAT. 41-2918.1] TO MAKE UNLAWFUL DOG FIGHTING A MISDEMEANOR AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES THEREFOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 862 of 1981, the same being Arkansas Statutes 41-2918.1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. (a) A person commits the offense of unlawful dog fighting if he knowingly:

- (1) promotes, engages in, or is employed at dog fighting;
- (2) receives money for the admission of another person to a place kept for dog fighting;
- (3) sells, purchases, possesses, or trains a dog for dog fighting;
- (4) purchases a ticket of admission to or is present at a dog fight;
- (5) witnesses a dog fight if it is presented as a public spectacle.

(b) Unlawful dog fighting is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) and by imprisonment of not more than one (1) year.

(c) In addition to the penalties imposed under subsection (b) of this Act, the court can require the defendant to make restitution to the State, any of its political subdivisions, or a lawfully organized humane society, for housing, feeding or providing medical treatment to dogs used for unlawful fighting."

SECTION 2. (a) Section 2 of Act 862 of 1981, the same being Arkansas Statute 41-2918.2, is hereby repealed.

(b) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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