

SENATE BILL No. 25

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-46-3.

Synopsis: Animal fighting contests. Makes attending an animal fighting contest a Level 6 felony. Repeals the law that makes it cruelty to an animal, a Class A misdemeanor, for a person to attend a fighting contest involving animals.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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January 5, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections & Criminal Law.



Second Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2016)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-46-3-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,
2 SECTION 560, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: Sec. 9. A person who knowingly or
4 intentionally:

- 5 (1) promotes or stages an animal fighting contest;
- 6 (2) uses an animal in a fighting contest; or
- 7 (3) attends an animal fighting contest; ~~having an animal in the~~
8 ~~person's possession;~~
- 9 commits a Level 6 felony.

10 SECTION 2. IC 35-46-3-10 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
11 2016]. ~~Sec. 10: A person who knowingly or intentionally attends a~~
12 ~~fighting contest involving animals commits cruelty to an animal, a~~
13 ~~Class A misdemeanor. However, except for a conviction under section~~
14 ~~1 of this chapter, the offense is a Level 6 felony if the person has a prior~~
15 ~~unrelated conviction under this chapter.~~

