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2D SESSION

# S. 2971

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit animal fighting in United States territories.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 24, 2018

Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Parity in Animal Cru-  
5 elty Enforcement Act” or the “PACE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING PROHIBITION ON ANIMAL FIGHTING TO**  
7 **UNITED STATES TERRITORIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 26 of the Animal Welfare  
9 Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) is amended—

1           (1) by striking the section designation and  
2           heading and all that follows through “paragraph (3),  
3           it” in subsection (a)(1) and inserting the following:

4   **“SEC. 26. ANIMAL FIGHTING.**

5           “(a) SPONSORING OR EXHIBITING ANIMAL IN, AT-  
6   TENDING, OR CAUSING UNDERAGE INDIVIDUAL TO AT-  
7   TEND, ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE.—

8           “(1) SPONSORING OR EXHIBITING.—It”;

9           (2) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3);

10          (3) in subsection (c)—

11                 (A) by striking “subsection (e)” and in-  
12                 serting “subsection (d)”; and

13                 (B) by inserting “or” before “promoting”;

14          (4) by striking subsection (d);

15          (5) by redesignating subsections (e), (f), (g),  
16          (h), (i), and (j) as subsections (d), (e), (i), (f), (g),  
17          and (h), respectively, and moving the subsections so  
18          as to appear in alphabetical order;

19          (6) in subsection (e) (as so redesignated), in the  
20          third sentence, by striking “paragraph (f)” and in-  
21          serting “subsection”;

22          (7) in subsection (h) (as so redesignated), by  
23          striking “(e)” and inserting “(d)”; and

24          (8) in paragraph (3) of subsection (i) (as so re-  
25          designated), by adding “and” at the end.

1           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 49(a) of  
2 title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking “(e)  
3 of section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act” and inserting  
4 “(d) of section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.  
5 2156)”.

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