

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 641

Ordered by the Senate April 20
Including Senate Amendments dated April 20

Sponsored by Senator DECKERT

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Creates crime of possessing dogfighting paraphernalia. Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to dogfighting paraphernalia; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 167.360.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 167.360 is amended to read:

5 167.360. As used in ORS 167.360 to 167.379:

6 (1) **"Breaking stick" means a device designed for insertion behind the molars of a dog for**
7 **the purpose of breaking the dog's grip on another animal or object.**

8 (2) **"Cat mill" means a device that rotates around a central support with one arm de-**
9 **signed to secure a dog and one arm designed to secure a cat, rabbit or other small animal**
10 **beyond the grasp of the dog.**

11 [(1)] (3) **"Dogfight" means a fight, arranged by any person, between two or more dogs the pur-**
12 **pose or probable result of which fight is the infliction of injury by one dog upon another.**

13 (4) **"Dogfighting paraphernalia" means a breaking stick, cat mill, springpole, weighted or**
14 **unweighted chain collar weighing 10 pounds or more, leather or mesh collar with a strap**
15 **more than two inches in width, fighting pit or unprescribed veterinary medicine that is a**
16 **prescription drug as defined in ORS 689.005.**

17 [(2)] (5) **"Fighting dog" means a dog that is intentionally bred or trained to be used in, or that**
18 **is actually used in, a dogfight. A dog does not constitute a fighting dog solely on account of its**
19 **breed.**

20 (6) **"Fighting pit" means a walled area designed to contain a dogfight.**

21 (7) **"Springpole" means a biting surface attached to a stretchable device, suspended at a**
22 **height sufficient to prevent a dog from reaching the biting surface while touching the**
23 **ground.**

24 **SECTION 2.** Section 3 of this 2005 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 167.360 to
25 **167.379.**

26 **SECTION 3.** (1) **A person commits the crime of possessing dogfighting paraphernalia if**
27 **the person owns or possesses dogfighting paraphernalia with the intent that the parapher-**
28 **naliam be used to train a dog as a fighting dog or be used in the furtherance of a dogfight.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(2) Possessing dogfighting paraphernalia is a Class A misdemeanor.**

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