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To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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## A BILL

To amend the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit dog fighting ventures.

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. PROHIBITIONS ON DOG FIGHTING VENTURES.**

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

6 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

7 (A) by striking “any person to knowingly  
8 sponsor” and inserting “any person—

9 “(A) to knowingly sponsor”;

1 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
2 inserting “; or”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(B) to knowingly sponsor or exhibit an  
5 animal in, or knowingly attend, a dog fighting  
6 venture.”;

7 (2) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) by striking “any person to knowingly  
9 sell” and inserting “any person—

10 “(A) to knowingly sell”; and

11 (B) by striking the period at the end and  
12 inserting “; or”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(B) to knowingly sell, buy, possess, train,  
15 transport, deliver, or receive for purposes of  
16 transportation, any dog or other animal for the  
17 purposes of having the dog or other animal, or  
18 offspring of the dog or other animal, participate  
19 in a dog fighting venture.”; and

20 (3) in subsection (g)—

21 (A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” at  
22 the end;

23 (B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as  
24 paragraph (7); and

1 (C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the  
2 following:

3 “(6) the term ‘dog fighting venture’—

4 “(A) means any event that—

5 “(i) involves a fight between at least  
6 2 animals;

7 “(ii) includes at least 1 dog; and

8 “(iii) is conducted for purposes of  
9 sport, wagering, or entertainment; and

10 “(B) does not include any activity the pri-  
11 mary purpose of which involves the use of 1 or  
12 more animals to hunt another animal; and”.

13 (b) ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBI-  
14 TIONS.—Section 49 of title 18, United States Code, is  
15 amended by inserting “(or in the case of a dog fighting  
16 venture (as defined in section 26(g) of that Act) not more  
17 than 5 years)” before “, or both”.

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