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To prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

A BILL

To prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and
for other purposes.

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 “Animal Fighting Spec-
5 tator Prohibition Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ATTENDING AN ANIMAL FIGHT OR**
7 **CAUSING A MINOR TO ATTEND AN ANIMAL**
8 **FIGHT.**

9 Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.
10 2156) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in the heading, by striking “SPON-
3 SORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANIMAL IN” and in-
4 serting “SPONSORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANI-
5 MAL IN, ATTENDING, OR CAUSING A MINOR TO
6 ATTEND”;

7 (B) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) in the heading, by striking “IN
9 GENERAL” and inserting “SPONSORING OR
10 EXHIBITING”; and

11 (ii) by striking “paragraph (2)” and
12 inserting “paragraph (3)”;

13 (C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
14 paragraph (3); and

15 (D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
16 following new paragraph:

17 “(2) ATTENDING OR CAUSING A MINOR TO AT-
18 TEND.—It shall be unlawful for any person to—

19 “(A) knowingly attend an animal fighting
20 venture; or

21 “(B) cause a minor to attend an animal
22 fighting venture.”; and

23 (2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
24 following new paragraph:

1 “(5) the term ‘minor’ means a person under the
2 age of 18 years old.”.

3 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBI-**
4 **TIONS.**

5 Section 49 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting “(a)
8 IN GENERAL.—Whoever”;

9 (2) in subsection (a), as designated by para-
10 graph (1) of this section, by striking “subsection
11 (a),” and inserting “subsection (a)(1),”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 sections:

14 “(b) ATTENDING AN ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE.—
15 Whoever violates subsection (a)(2)(A) of section 26 of the
16 Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) shall be fined under
17 this title, imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both,
18 for each violation.

19 “(c) CAUSING A MINOR TO ATTEND AN ANIMAL
20 FIGHTING VENTURE.—Whoever violates subsection
21 (a)(2)(B) of section 26 (7 U.S.C. 2156) of the Animal
22 Welfare Act shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for
23 not more than 3 years, or both, for each violation.”.

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