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Senate Bill No. 83—Committee on Natural Resources

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AN ACT relating to cruelty to animals; increasing the penalties for certain offenses related to the use of an animal or a bird for baiting or fighting; prohibiting a person from manufacturing, owning or possessing a gaff, spur or other sharp implement designed for attachment to a cock or other bird with the intent that it be used in fighting another cock or other bird under certain circumstances; providing penalties; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, a person who owns, occupies or is otherwise connected in certain ways to a house, apartment, pit or place kept or used for baiting or fighting any bird or animal is subject to criminal penalties. A first offense is punishable as a gross misdemeanor, a second offense is punishable as a category E felony and a third or subsequent offense is punishable as a category D felony. (NRS 574.060) Section 1 of this bill increases those penalties to make the first offense punishable as a category E felony and a second or subsequent offense punishable as a category D felony. Section 1 also revises the offense to impose criminal penalties against a person only if he or she knowingly owns, occupies or is connected with the house, apartment, pit or place kept or used for baiting or fighting any bird or animal.

Existing law imposes criminal penalties against a person who: (1) takes certain actions in furtherance of a fight between animals under certain circumstances; (2) owns, possesses, keeps, trains, promotes or purchases an animal with the intent to use it to fight another animal; or (3) sells an animal knowing that it is intended to be used to fight another animal. A first offense is punishable as a gross misdemeanor, a second offense is punishable as a category E felony and a third or subsequent offense is punishable as a category D felony. (NRS 574.070) Section 2 of this bill increases those penalties to make the first offense punishable as a category E felony and a second or subsequent offense punishable as a category D felony.

Existing law also imposes criminal penalties against a person who knowingly witnesses a fight between animals in an exhibition or for amusement or gain. A first offense is punishable as a misdemeanor, a second offense is punishable as a gross misdemeanor and a third or subsequent offense is punishable as a category E felony. (NRS 574.070) Section 2 of this bill increases those penalties to make the first offense punishable as a gross misdemeanor and a second or subsequent offense punishable as a category E felony. Section 2 also revises the offense to impose criminal penalties against a person who, instead of witnessing such a fight, attends such a fight. Section 2 also imposes the same criminal penalties against a person who manufactures, owns, possesses, sells, barter or exchanges, or advertises for sale, barter or exchange, certain sharp instruments designed to be attached to certain fighting birds.