

A Bill for an Act Relating to Chapter 711, Offenses Against Public Order.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 711, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§711- Cruelty to animals; fighting dogs.** (1) A person commits the offense of cruelty to animals if the person:

- (a) Owns or trains any dog with the intent that such dog shall be engaged in an exhibition of fighting with another dog;
- (b) For amusement or gain, intentionally causes any dog to fight with another dog, or causes any dog to injure another dog; or

- (c) Knowingly or recklessly permits any act in violation of paragraph (a) or (b) to be done on the premises under the person's charge or control, or aids or abets any such act.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any of the following:
  - (a) The use of dogs in the management of livestock by the owner of the livestock or the owner's employees or agents or other persons in lawful custody thereof;
  - (b) The use of dogs in hunting on private lands permitted by section 191-18; or
  - (c) The training of dogs or the use of equipment in the training of dogs for any purpose not prohibited by law.
- (3) Violation of this section shall be a class C felony.
- (4) If there is any conflict between this section and section 711-1109, or any other provision of law, this section shall apply."

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 27, 1983.)

**Note**

- 1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.