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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

February 25, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to animals; changing provisions prohibiting animal fights and possession
1.3 of certain items; imposing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section
1.4 343.31, subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 343.31, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Penalty for animal fighting; attending animal fight.** A person who:

1.8 (1) promotes, engages in, or is employed in the activity of cockfighting, dogfighting,
1.9 or violent pitting of one ~~domestic~~ animal against another of the same or a different kind;

1.10 (2) receives money for the admission of a person to a place used, or about to be
1.11 used, for that activity;

1.12 (3) willfully permits a person to enter or use for that activity premises of which the
1.13 permitter is the owner, agent, or occupant; ~~or~~

1.14 (4) uses, trains, or possesses a dog or other animal for the purpose of participating
1.15 in, engaging in, or promoting that activity; or

1.16 (5) possesses any device or substance intended to enhance an animal's ability to fight
1.17 is guilty of a felony. A person who purchases a ticket of admission or otherwise gains
1.18 admission to that activity is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.