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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

March 31, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

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; possessing animal fighting devices;**
1.8 **attending animal fight.** ~~A person who~~ (a) Whoever does any of the following is guilty of
1.9 a felony:

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

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

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

1.16 (4) uses, trains, or possesses a dog or other animal for the purpose of participating
1.17 in, engaging in, or promoting that activity.

1.18 (b) Whoever possesses any device or substance with intent to use or permit the use
1.19 of the same to enhance an animal's ability to fight is guilty of a felony. ~~A person who~~

1.20 (c) Whoever purchases a ticket of admission or otherwise gains admission to that the
1.21 activity of cockfighting, dogfighting, or violent pitting of one animal against another of the
1.22 same or a different kind is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.