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Chapter 578
Miscellaneous Offenses

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Until December 31, 2016—Dogs, fighting, training to fight or injuring for amusement or gain, penalty—spectator, penalty.

578.025. 1. Any person who:

- (1) Owns, possesses, keeps, or trains any **dog**, with the intent that such **dog** shall be engaged in an exhibition of fighting with another **dog**;
- (2) For amusement or gain, causes any **dog** to fight with another **dog**, or causes any dogs to injure each other; or
- (3) Permits any act as described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this subsection to be done on any premises under his charge or control, or aids or abets any such act is guilty of a class D felony.

2. Any person who is knowingly present, as a spectator, at any place, building, or structure where preparations are being made for an exhibition of the fighting of dogs, with the intent to be present at such preparations, or is knowingly present at such exhibition or at any other fighting or injuring as described in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section, with the intent to be present at such exhibition, fighting, or injuring is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit:

(1) The use of dogs in the management of livestock by the owner of such livestock or his employees or agents or other persons in lawful custody of such livestock;

(2) The use of dogs in hunting; or

(3) The training of dogs or the use of equipment in the training of dogs for any purpose not prohibited by law.

(L. 1984 H.B. 1210 § 1)

*This section was amended by S.B. 491, 2014, effective 1-01-17. Due to the delayed effective date, both versions of this section are printed here.

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