

TITLE 4

Animals and Animal Husbandry

CHAPTER 4-1

Cruelty to Animals

SECTION 4-1-9

§ 4-1-9 Animal fighting.

Any person who causes or encourages the fighting of any bird, dog, or animal with any other bird, dog, or animal, or keeps or maintains any place for the fighting of birds, dogs, or animals, or who knowingly permits, or suffers, any fight to be had on his or her premises or on premises under his or her control, or makes any bet or lays any wager of any kind upon the result of that fight, shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or be imprisoned not exceeding two (2) years, or both, for the first offense, and for any subsequent offense shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or be imprisoned not exceeding two (2) years, or both.

History of Section.

(G.L. 1896, ch. 283, § 15; P.L. 1901, ch. 848, § 1; G.L. 1909, ch. 349, § 19; G.L. 1923, ch. 401, § 19; G.L. 1938, ch. 612, § 19; G.L. 1956, § 4-1-9; P.L. 1980, ch. 16, § 1; P.L. 1983, ch. 126, § 1.)