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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 514

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act amending the criminal provisions relating to
7 cruelty to animals and establishing the crime of
8 promoting an exhibition of fighting animals; and
9 providing for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. AS 11.61.140 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

12 Sec. 11.61.140. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. (a) A person commits the
13 crime of cruelty to animals if he intentionally inflicts severe and
14 prolonged physical pain or suffering on an animal.

15 (b) It is a defense to a prosecution under this section that the
16 conduct of the defendant

17 (1) conformed to accepted veterinary practice;

18 (2) was part of scientific research governed by accepted
19 standards; or

20 (3) was necessarily incident to lawful hunting or trapping
21 activities.

22 (c) In this section, "animal" means a vertebrate living creature
23 not a human being, but does not include fish.

24 (d) Cruelty to animals is a class A misdemeanor.

25 * Sec. 2. AS 11.61 is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 Sec. 11.61.145. PROMOTING AN EXHIBITION OF FIGHTING ANIMALS. (a)
27 A person commits the crime of promoting an exhibition of fighting ani-
28 mals if he

29 (1) owns, possesses, keeps, or trains an animal with intent

1 that it be engaged in an exhibition of fighting animals;

2 (2) instigates, promotes or has a pecuniary interest in an
3 exhibition of fighting animals; or

4 (3) attends an exhibition of fighting animals.

5 (b) The animals, equipment, vehicles, money and other items used
6 by a person in a violation of (a)(1) or (2) of this section shall be
7 forfeited to the state if the person is convicted of an offense under
8 this section.

9 (c) In this section, "animal" means a vertebrate living creature
10 not a human being, but does not include fish.

11 (d) Promoting an exhibition of fighting animals

12 (1) under (a)(1) or (2) of this section is a class C felony;

13 (2) under (a)(3) of this section is a violation for the first
14 offense and a class B misdemeanor for the second and each subsequent
15 offense.

16 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-
17 070(c).