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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

2 HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 514 am H

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 crimes of pro-  
8 moting an exhibition of fighting animals, and for the  
9 destruction of animals by the use of a decompression  
10 chamber; and providing for an effective date."

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

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 AS 11.61.140 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

13 Sec. 11.61.140. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. (a) A person commits the  
14 crime of cruelty to animals if he

15 (1) intentionally inflicts severe and prolonged physical pain  
16 or suffering on an animal;

17 (2) recklessly neglects an animal and, as a result of that  
18 neglect, the person causes severe pain or suffering to the animal; or

19 (3) kills an animal by the use of a decompression chamber.

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

22 (1) conformed to accepted veterinary practice;

23 (2) was part of scientific research governed by accepted  
24 standards; or

25 (3) was necessarily incident to lawful hunting or trapping  
26 activities.

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

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

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

2 Sec. 11.61.145. PROMOTING AN EXHIBITION OF FIGHTING ANIMALS. (a)

3 A person commits the crime of promoting an exhibition of fighting ani-  
4 mals if he

5 (1) owns, possesses, keeps, or trains an animal with intent  
6 that it be engaged in an exhibition of fighting animals;

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

9 (3) attends an exhibition of fighting animals.

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

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

16 (d) Promoting an exhibition of fighting animals

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

18 (2) under (a)(3) of this section is a violation for the first  
19 offense and a class B misdemeanor for the second and each subsequent  
20 offense.

21 \* Sec. 3. AS 03.60 is amended by adding a new section to read:

22 Sec. 03.60.005. USE OF DECOMPRESSION CHAMBER PROHIBITED.

23 It is unlawful for a veterinarian or other person to destroy an animal  
24 by the use of a decompression chamber.

25 \* Sec. 4. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
26 070(c).