

**Session 116 - (2005-2006)**

**S\*0229 (Rat #0384, Act #0345 of 2006) General Bill, By Grooms**

**Summary:** Illegal to engage in Hog-dog fighting or events

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-650, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COCKFIGHTING, SO AS TO INCLUDE GAME FOWL TESTING IN THE OFFENSE, DEFINE THE TERM "ILLEGAL GAME FOWL TESTING", INCREASE THE PENALTIES, PROVIDE FOR FORFEITURE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY GAINED OR USED IN A VIOLATION OF THIS OFFENSE, AND TO REQUIRE GAME FOWL BREEDERS AND TESTING FACILITIES TO COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS REGARDING AVIAN INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS AND TESTING; TO AMEND SECTION 16-27-50, RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF ANIMALS WHEN A PERSON VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THE ANIMAL FIGHTING AND BAITING ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE OFFENSE OF CRUEL WORK OF ANIMALS APPLY AND TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF THE ANIMAL FIGHTING AND BAITING ACT MUST BE CONSIDERED AS CRUEL TREATMENT OF AN ANIMAL AND THE OWNER MUST BE DEEMED UNFIT; BY ADDING SECTION 16-27-55 SO AS TO ALLOW THE FORFEITURE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY WHEN A PERSON VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THE ANIMAL FIGHTING AND BAITING ACT, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR FORFEITURE, AND TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR THE INNOCENT OWNER OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE; TO AMEND SECTION 16-27-80, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FOR DOGS USED FOR HUNTING AND FOX PEN TRIALS, SO AS TO ALSO EXCEPT DOGS HUNTING ON SHOOTING PRESERVES OR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS BUT TO SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE HOG DOG FIGHTS, HOG DOG RODEOS, AND HOG DOGGING WHEN BETTING TAKES PLACE OR WHEN AWARDS ARE GIVEN BASED ON THE ABILITY OF A DOG TO CATCH A HOG UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-530, RELATING TO FORFEITURE PROCEDURES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR A DEFENDANT OR HIS ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY SEIZED. - ratified title

- 01/12/05 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-22
- 01/12/05 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-22
- 02/28/06 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hawkins (ch), Cromer, Sheheen, Lourie
- 03/15/06 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-11
- 03/16/06 Senate Amended SJ-12
- 03/16/06 Senate Read second time SJ-12
- 03/21/06 Senate Read third time and sent to House SJ-15
- 03/22/06 House Introduced and read first time HJ-6
- 03/22/06 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-7
- 05/17/06 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-5
- 05/19/06 Scrivener's error corrected
- 05/24/06 House Amended HJ-22
- 05/24/06 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Vick, Miller, G Brown, Kennedy, Anderson, Hosey, Bales, Neilson, Lucas, Hiott, Skelton, JH Neal, Moody-Lawrence, Mahaffey, Rhoad, JR Smith, Jennings, Ott, Frye, Clark, Hinson, and Umphlett HJ-28
- 05/25/06 House Read second time HJ-59
- 05/25/06 House Roll call Yeas-78 Nays-15 HJ-62
- 05/30/06 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments HJ-50
- 05/30/06 Senate House amendment amended SJ-94
- 05/30/06 Senate Returned to House with amendments SJ-94
- 05/31/06 House Non-concurrence in Senate amendment HJ-75
- 05/31/06 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Hawkins, Knotts, and Lourie SJ-114
- 05/31/06 House Conference committee appointed Reps. GM Smith, Herbkersman, and Vick HJ-203
- 06/01/06 House Free conference powers granted HJ-192
- 06/01/06 House Free conference committee appointed Reps. GM Smith, Herbkersman, and Vick HJ-192
- 06/01/06 House Free conference report received and adopted HJ-195
- 06/01/06 Senate Free conference powers granted SJ-90
- 06/01/06 Senate Free conference committee appointed Hawkins, Knotts and Lourie SJ-90
- 06/01/06 Senate Free conference report adopted SJ-91
- 06/01/06 House Ordered enrolled for ratification HJ-205

**06/07/06**            **Ratified R 384**  
**06/12/06**            **Signed By Governor**  
**06/15/06**            **Copies available**  
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**06/23/06**            **Act No. 345**