

**21-6417. Unlawful conduct of cockfighting; unlawful attendance of cockfighting; unlawful possession of cockfighting paraphernalia.** (a) Unlawful conduct of cockfighting is:

- (1) Causing, for amusement or gain, any gamecock to fight with or injure or kill another gamecock, with no requirement of culpable mental state;
  - (2) knowingly permitting such fighting or injuring on premises under one's ownership, charge or control; or
  - (3) training, grooming, preparing or medicating any gamecock with the intent of having it fight with or injure or kill another gamecock.
- (b) Unlawful possession of cockfighting paraphernalia is possession of, with the intent to use in the unlawful conduct of cockfighting, spurs, gaffs, swords, leather training spur covers or anything worn by a gamecock during a fight to further the killing power of such gamecock.
- (c) Unlawful attendance of cockfighting is entering or remaining on the premises where the unlawful conduct of cockfighting is occurring, whether or not the person knows or has reason to know that cockfighting is occurring on the premises.
- (d) (1) Unlawful conduct of cockfighting is a level 10, nonperson felony.  
(2) Unlawful possession of cockfighting paraphernalia is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.  
(3) Unlawful attendance of cockfighting is a class B nonperson misdemeanor.
- (e) As used in this section, "gamecock" means a domesticated fowl that is bred, reared or trained for the purpose of fighting with other fowl.
- (f) A person who violates the provisions of this section may also be prosecuted for, convicted of, and punished for cruelty to animals.

**History:** L. 2010, ch. 136, § 228; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 286; July 1.