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S 736

Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 27, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Animals

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1532	Identical bill	Apr 7, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture.

Summary (as of Mar 27, 2003)

Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act - Amends the Animal Welfare Act to increase the imprisonment penalty for animal fighting violations from one year to two years. Makes it unlawful to sell, buy, transport, or deliver in interstate or foreign commerce a knife, gaff, or other sharp instrument used in a bird-fighting venture.

Revises enforcement provisions. Permits euthanasia for an animal in extreme pain.

Includes the Internet or any technology as interstate instrumentality.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 27, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 27, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4527)
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