

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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ANIMAL FIGHTING

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BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

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FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved March 28, 2006.

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6568** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

THOMAS HOEMANN

Secretary

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CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Regala, Carrell and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to animal fighting; amending RCW 16.52.117; and
2 prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 16.52.117 and 2005 c 481 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) A person commits the crime of animal fighting if the person
7 knowingly does any of the following:

8 (a) Owns, possesses, keeps, breeds, trains, buys, sells, or
9 advertises or offers for sale any animal with the intent that the
10 animal shall be engaged in an exhibition of fighting with another
11 animal;

12 (b) Knowingly promotes, organizes, conducts, participates in, is a
13 spectator of, advertises, prepares, or performs any service in the
14 furtherance of, an exhibition of animal fighting, transports spectators
15 to an animal fight, or provides or serves as a stakeholder for any
16 money wagered on an animal fight at any place or building;

17 (c) Keeps or uses any place for the purpose of animal fighting, or
18 manages or accepts payment of admission to any place kept or used for
19 the purpose of animal fighting;

1 (d) Suffers or permits any place over which the person has
2 possession or control to be occupied, kept, or used for the purpose of
3 an exhibition of animal fighting; or

4 (e) Takes, leads away, possesses, confines, sells, transfers, or
5 receives a stray animal or a pet animal, with the intent to deprive the
6 owner of the pet animal, and with the intent of using the stray animal
7 or pet animal for animal fighting, or for training or baiting for the
8 purpose of animal fighting.

9 (2) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class C
10 felony punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.

11 (3) Nothing in this section prohibits the following:

12 (a) The use of dogs in the management of livestock, as defined by
13 chapter 16.57 RCW, by the owner of the livestock or the owner's
14 employees or agents or other persons in lawful custody of the
15 livestock;

16 (b) The use of dogs in hunting as permitted by law; or

17 (c) The training of animals or the use of equipment in the training
18 of animals for any purpose not prohibited by law.

19 (4) For the purposes of this section, "animal" means dogs or male
20 chickens.

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