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Mr. Speaker:

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 341**, ANIMAL FIGHTING PENALTIES, by Representative C. D. Okerlund, with the following amendments:

Amendment 2

1 Line 83:

83 purpose of entertainment, sport, or contest; or]

84 [~~(b) promotes any activity that involves game fowl fighting, including promoting an~~

85 activity that is a violation of Subsection (2)(a).]

86 (a) promotes game fowl fighting **in this state** ;

87 { ~~(b) sells a game fowl ;~~ }

88 { ~~(e)~~ **(b)** owns, possesses, keeps, or trains a game fowl with the intent to engage the game

89 fowl in fighting another game fowl **in this state** ;

90 { ~~(d)~~ **(c)** causes a game fowl to fight with another game fowl;

91 { ~~(e)~~ **(d)** causes a game fowl to injure another game fowl for amusement or gain;

92 { ~~(f)~~ **(e)** permits or allows another individual to perform an act that violates Subsection (2)

(a),

93 (b), (c), **or** (d) { ~~, or (e)~~ } on a premises under the actor's control; or

94 { ~~(g)~~ **(f)** aids or abets another individual to violate Subsection (2)(a), (b), (c), **or** (d) { ~~, or~~

(e) } :

95 (3) A violation of Subsection (2) is:

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- 96 (a) a class B misdemeanor for the first violation;
- 97 (b) a class A misdemeanor for the second violation; or
- 98 (c) a third degree felony for a third or subsequent violation.
- 99 (4) This section does not prohibit:
- (a) the lawful use of {livestock} fowl by the {livestock} fowl owner, an
- 100 employee or agent of the {livestock} fowl owner, or a person [~~in the~~]with lawful custody
- of
- 101 {livestock} the fowl; or .
- (b) the lawful breeding, selling, or possessing of fowl

Respectfully,

Carl R. Albrecht
Chair

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