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*** CURRENT THROUGH ACT 96 OF THE 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ***

PART IV CRIMES, PUNISHMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES
TITLE I CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS
Chapter 272 Crimes Against Chastity, Morality, Decency and Good Order

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ALM GL ch. 272, § 94 (2008)

§ 94. Penalty on Owner, etc.

Whoever: (i) owns, possesses, keeps or trains any bird, dog or other animal, with the intent that it shall be engaged in an exhibition of fighting; (ii) establishes or promotes an exhibition of the fighting of any birds, dogs or other animals; (iii) loans, sells, exports or otherwise transfers any bird, dog or other animal for the purpose of animal fighting; or (iv) owns, possesses or keeps any bird, dog or other animal for the purpose of breeding such animal with the intent that its offspring be used for animal fighting shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in the house of correction for not more than 1 year, or by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

HISTORY: 1859, 158, § 1; GS 88, § 79; 1869, 435, § 5; 1876, 85, § 7; PS 207, § 66; RL 212, § 85; 1975, 31, § 1; 1978, 111; 2006, 434, § 7.

NOTES:

Editorial Note

The 1975 amendment deleted the words "two hundred" from this section and substituted therefor the words "one thousand".

The 1978 amendment rewrote the section, increasing the maximum imprisonment from 1 to 5 years, and providing for imposition of both fine and imprisonment.

Cross References

Revocation of dog license for violation, see ALM GL c 140 § 137D.

Effective: [See Text Amendments] to April 02, 2007

Massachusetts General Laws Annotated

Part IV. Crimes, Punishments and Proceedings in Criminal Cases (Ch. 263-280)

Title I. Crimes and Punishments (Ch. 263-274)

Chapter 272. Crimes Against Chastity, Morality, Decency and Good Order

>> s 94. Owing, possessing or training fighting animals; establishing or promoting exhibition

Whoever owns, possesses, keeps or trains a bird, dog or other animal, with intent that it shall be engaged in an exhibition of fighting, or whoever establishes or promotes an exhibition of the fighting of birds, dogs or other animals shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or in a jail or house of correction for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by both such fine and imprisonment in jail or house of correction.

CREDIT(S)

Amended by St.1975, c. 31, s 1; St.1978, c. 111.

M.G.L.A. 272 s 94, MA ST 272 s 94

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