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By Senator Klein

28-1336A-00 See HB 941 A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to fighting and baiting animals; amending s. 828.122, F.S.; providing a 3 4 third degree felony penalty for owning, 5 possessing, keeping, training, promoting, 6 transporting, purchasing, or selling an animal 7 for the purpose of fighting or baiting; providing for nonapplicability; providing 8 9 construction; providing an effective date. 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 12 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 828.122, Florida 13 Statutes, is amended to read: 14 828.122 Fighting or baiting animals; offenses; 15 16 penalties.--17 (3) Any person who commits any of the following acts is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as 18 19 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084: 20 (a) Baiting, or using any animal for the purpose of 21 fighting or baiting any other animal. 22 (b) Owning, possessing, keeping, training, promoting, 23 transporting, purchasing, or selling any animal for the purpose of fighting or baiting. 24 25 (c)(b) Knowingly owning, managing, or operating any 26 facility kept or used for the purpose of fighting or baiting 27 any animal. 28 (d)(c) Promoting, staging, advertising, or charging any admission fee to a fight or baiting between two or more 29 30 animals. 31 1

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1 (6) The provisions of subsection (3) and paragraph 2 (4)(b) shall not apply to: 3 (a) Any person simulating a fight for the purpose of using the simulated fight as part of a motion picture which 4 5 will be used on television or in a motion picture, provided s. 6 828.12 is not violated. 7 (b) Any person using animals to pursue or take 8 wildlife or to participate in any hunting regulated or subject 9 to being regulated by the rules and regulations of the Fish 10 and Wildlife Conservation Commission. 11 (c) Any person using animals to work livestock for 12 agricultural purposes. 13 Any person violating s. 828.121. (d) 14 (e) Any person using animals to hunt wild hogs or to 15 retrieve domestic hogs. (7) Nothing in this section shall be construed to 16 17 prohibit, impede, or otherwise interfere with recognized animal husbandry and training techniques or practices not 18 19 otherwise specifically prohibited by law. 20 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. 21 22 23 24 HOUSE SUMMARY 25 Provides a third degree felony penalty for owning, possessing, keeping, training, promoting, transporting, purchasing, or selling an animal for the purpose of fighting or baiting. 26 27 28 29 30 31 2

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