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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. BALL -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Agriculture

AN ACT to amend the agriculture and markets law, in relation to the possession of a fighting animal and being a spectator at an exhibition of animal fighting

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 351 of the agri-
2 culture and markets law, as added by chapter 150 of the laws of 1984, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) Any person who engages in conduct specified in paragraph (b) of
5 this subdivision is guilty of a [~~misdemeanor and is~~] FELONY punishable
6 by A DETERMINATE TERM OF imprisonment [for a period not to exceed one
7 year] OF NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS NOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, or by a
8 fine not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, or by both such fine and
9 imprisonment.

10 S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 351 of the agriculture
11 and markets law, as amended by chapter 332 of the laws of 2011, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (a) Any person who engages in the conduct specified in paragraph (b)
14 of this subdivision is guilty of a [~~class B misdemeanor~~] FELONY punisha-
15 ble by A DETERMINATE TERM OF imprisonment [for a period not to exceed
16 three months] OF NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS NOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS, or
17 by a fine not to exceed [~~five hundred~~] FIFTEEN THOUSAND dollars, or by
18 both such fine and imprisonment. [Any person who engages in the conduct
19 specified in paragraph (b) of this subdivision after having been
20 convicted within the previous five years of a violation of this subdivi-
21 sion or subdivision four of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and
22 is punishable by imprisonment for a period not to exceed one year, or by
23 a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and
24 imprisonment.]

25 S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
26 have become a law and shall only apply to offenses committed on or after
27 such date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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