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Mr. Speaker,

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 130**, ANIMAL FIGHTING PENALTIES, by Representative M. Judkins, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 48 through 50:*

48 (3) (a) A violation of Subsection (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) is a third degree
felony.
49 ~~{ (b) A violation of Subsection (2)(g) is a class A misdemeanor. }~~
50 ~~(c) }~~ (b) A violation of Subsection ~~{ (2)(h) }~~ (2)(g) or (h) is a
class B misdemeanor.

2. *Page 3, Lines 75 through 80:*

75 (1) (a) As used in this section:
76 ~~{ (a) (i) "Game fowl" means a fowl reared or used for fighting other fowl.~~
77 ~~{ (ii) "Game fowl fighting paraphernalia" means gaffs, slashers, heels, or~~
~~other sharp~~
78 ~~implement designed to be attached in place of the natural spur of a game fowl. }~~
79 ~~{ (b) (iii) }~~ (ii) "Promote" means to engage in promoting, producing, or
staging ~~events or~~
80 ~~activities~~ an event or activity that involve game fowl fighting.

3. *Page 4, Lines 102 through 115:*

102 (3) (a) ~~[A person who violates Subsection (2) is, upon conviction, guilty of] A~~
103 violation of Subsection (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) is:
104 ~~{ (a) (i) a class B misdemeanor for the first violation;~~

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105 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) a class A misdemeanor for the second violation; or
106 ~~[(c)]~~ (iii) a third degree felony for a third or subsequent violation.
107 ~~{ (b) A violation of Subsection (2)(h) is a class A misdemeanor. }~~
108 ~~(c)~~ } (b) A violation of Subsection ~~{ (2)(i) }~~ (2)(h) or (i) is a
 class B misdemeanor .
109 ~~{ (4) An actor's possession of game fowl fighting paraphernalia is prima~~
 ~~facie evidence~~
110 ~~of a violation of Subsections (2)(c), (d), or (e) if:~~
111 ~~(a) the actor possesses a game fowl; and~~
112 ~~(b) evidence exists that the game fowl fighting paraphernalia is being used or~~
 ~~is~~
113 ~~intended for use in the training of the game fowl to fight with another game fowl.~~
114 ~~(5)~~ } (4) This section does not prohibit the lawful use of livestock by the
 livestock owner, an
115 employee or agent of the livestock owner, or a person ~~[in the]~~ with lawful custody of
 livestock.

Respectfully,

Ryan D. Wilcox
Chair

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