

HARRY HUGHES, Governor

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House Bill 324, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 29, 1984, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 819.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 819

AN ACT concerning

Dog-Fighting--Penalties

~~FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person with certain intent from using, causing, or permitting dogs to fight for certain purposes engage in the activity commonly known as "dog fighting", making a violation of this Act a felony misdemeanor, providing certain penalties, and generally relating to prohibiting dog fighting in the State.~~

Crimes and Punishments - Dogfights

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from using or permitting a dog to be used in, arranging, or conducting a dogfight.

BY adding to repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
Section 59B 59  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

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~~{A}--A--PERSON--MAY--NOT--WILLFULLY--USE,--CAUSE,--OR--PERMIT--DOGS--TO--FIGHT--FOR--ANY--PURPOSE--ENGAGE--IN--THE--ACTIVITY--COMMONLY--KNOWN--AS--"DOG--FIGHTING"--IN--THE--STATE.~~

~~{B}--ANY--PERSON--WHO--VIOLATES--ANY--PROVISION--OF--THIS--SECTION--IS--GUILTY--OF--A--FELONY--MISDEMEANOR--AND--ON--CONVICTION--IS--SUBJECT--TO--A--FINE--NOT--EXCEEDING--\$5,000--OR--IMPRISONMENT--NOT--EXCEEDING--1--YEAR--OR--BOTH.~~

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