

A PERSON MAY NOT:

(1) INTENTIONALLY MUTILATE, TORTURE, CRUELLY BEAT, OR CRUELLY KILL AN ANIMAL;

(2) CAUSE, PROCURE, OR AUTHORIZE AN ACT PROHIBITED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR

(3) EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF SELF-DEFENSE, INTENTIONALLY INFLICT BODILY HARM, PERMANENT DISABILITY, OR DEATH ON AN ANIMAL OWNED OR USED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT.

(B) PENALTY.

(1) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF THE FELONY OF AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.

(2) AS A CONDITION OF SENTENCING, THE COURT MAY ORDER A DEFENDANT CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN AND PAY FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 59(c)(1)(i), (ii), and (v) and (2).

Defined terms: "Animal" § 10-601

"Cruelty" § 10-601

"Person" § 1-101

10-607. SAME — ARRANGING, CONDUCTING, OR USING DOG IN DOGFIGHT.

(A) PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT:

(1) USE OR ALLOW A DOG TO BE USED IN A DOGFIGHT; OR

(2) ARRANGE OR CONDUCT A DOGFIGHT.

(B) PENALTY.

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