

another fowl, cock, or other bird; prohibiting a person from possessing, owning, selling, transporting, or training a dog or a fowl, cock, or other bird with the intent to use the animal for certain purposes; prohibiting a person from possessing certain implements or devices relating to a fowl, cock, or other bird fighting with another fowl, cock, or other bird under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from knowingly allowing certain premises to be used to conduct dogfights or fights between fowl, cocks, or other birds; prohibiting a person from arranging or conducting a dogfight or a fight in which a fowl, cock, or other bird fights another fowl, cock, or other bird; defining certain terms; authorizing a court to order psychological counseling under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties; and generally relating to animal cruelty, dogfighting, and cockfighting.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 10-605, 10-607, and 10-608

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

**Article - Criminal Law**

10-605.

(a) A person may not knowingly attend a deliberately conducted dogfight as a spectator.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY ATTEND AS A SPECTATOR A DELIBERATELY CONDUCTED EVENT THAT USES A FOWL, COCK, OR OTHER BIRD TO FIGHT WITH ANOTHER FOWL, COCK, OR OTHER BIRD.

[(b)] (C) (1) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 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.

10-607:

(a) A person may not:

(1) use or allow a dog to be used in a dogfight; [or]

(2) arrange or conduct a dogfight;

(3) POSSESS, OWN, SELL, TRANSPORT, OR TRAIN A DOG ~~FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING USED~~ WITH THE INTENT TO USE THE DOG IN A DOGFIGHT; OR