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112TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MARINO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To prohibit attendance of an animal fighting venture, and  
for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Animal Fighting Pro-  
5 hibition Enforcement Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ATTENDING AN ANIMAL FIGHT OR**  
2 **CAUSING A MINOR TO ATTEND AN ANIMAL**  
3 **FIGHT.**

4 Section 26 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C.  
5 2156) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in the heading, by striking “SPON-  
8 SORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANIMAL IN” and in-  
9 serting “SPONSORING OR EXHIBITING AN ANI-  
10 MAL IN, ATTENDING, OR CAUSING A MINOR TO  
11 ATTEND”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1)—

13 (i) in the heading, by striking “IN  
14 GENERAL” and inserting “SPONSORING OR  
15 EXHIBITING”; and

16 (ii) by striking “paragraph (2)” and  
17 inserting “paragraph (3)”;

18 (C) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
19 paragraph (3); and

20 (D) by inserting after paragraph (1) the  
21 following new paragraph:

22 “(2) ATTENDING OR CAUSING A MINOR TO AT-  
23 TEND.—It shall be unlawful for any person to—

24 “(A) knowingly attend an animal fighting  
25 venture; or

1           “(B) cause a minor to attend an animal  
2           fighting venture.”; and

3           (2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the  
4           following new paragraph:

5           “(5) the term ‘minor’ means a person under the  
6           age of 18 years old.”.

7 **SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL FIGHTING PROHIBI-**  
8           **TIONS.**

9           Section 49 of title 18, United States Code, is amend-  
10 ed—

11           (1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting “(a)  
12           IN GENERAL.—Whoever”;

13           (2) in subsection (a), as designated by para-  
14           graph (1) of this section, by striking “subsection  
15           (a),” and inserting “subsection (a)(1),”; and

16           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
17           sections:

18           “(b) ATTENDING AN ANIMAL FIGHTING VENTURE.—  
19           Whoever violates subsection (a)(2)(A) of section 26 of the  
20           Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2156) shall be fined under  
21           this title, imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both,  
22           for each violation.

23           “(c) CAUSING A MINOR TO ATTEND AN ANIMAL  
24           FIGHTING VENTURE.—Whoever violates subsection  
25           (a)(2)(B) of section 26 (7 U.S.C. 2156) of the Animal

- 1 Welfare Act shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for
- 2 not more than 3 years, or both, for each violation.”.