

HOUSE No. 1466

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to the sale of dogfighting paraphernalia..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 272 is hereby amended by inserting after section 95 the following
2 section:-

3 Section 95A. (a) "Dog fighting paraphernalia" refers to any visual or auditory depiction
4 of specific illegal dog fights, including but not limited to any photograph, movie, video
5 recording, electronic image, electronic series of images, or electronic movie, whether preserved
6 in fixed media or equipment or available via the Internet, downloadable, streaming or otherwise,
7 or sound recording, that would constitute a violation of sections 77 or 94 of chapter 272 or
8 section 112 of chapter 266.

9 (b) "Person" shall include all individuals, corporations, business entities, selling said
10 paraphernalia for profit.

11 (c) No person may knowingly create, sell, rent, or lease, any dog fighting paraphernalia
12 deemed in violation of sections 77 or 94 of chapter 272 or section 112 of chapter 266. Any
13 person convicted of violating this provision shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or

14 by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 1 year or by both such fine and
15 imprisonment.

16 (d) Nothing in this section shall apply to serious religious, political, scientific,
17 educational, law enforcement or humane investigator training, journalistic, artistic, or historical
18 value.