

April 8, 1999

**H 959. COCK FIGHTING/INCREASE PENALTY.** *TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF COCK FIGHTING.* Amends GS 14-362 to increase punishment for instigating, promoting, permitting property to be used for, or attending a cock fight from a Class 2 misdemeanor to a Class H felony and to make it a Class H felony to own, possess, or train a cock with the intent that the cock be used in cock fighting. Effective Dec. 1, 1999 for offenses committed on or after that date.

**Intro. by Russell.**

Ref. to Judiciary III

GS 14

April 26, 1999

**H 959. COCKFIGHTING/INCREASE PENALTY.** Intro. 4/8/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes only.

April 29, 1999

**H 959. COCKFIGHTING/INCREASE PENALTY.** Intro. 4/8/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Replaces language in previous version that would have defined providing a cock for a cock fight as criminal behavior. Also deletes language that would have punished as a Class H felony owning, possessing, or training a cock with the intent that the cock be used in an exhibition featuring that cock. Changes punishment for violation of GS 14-362 from Class 2 misdemeanor to Class 1 misdemeanor (previous version would have made this a Class H felony).