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Short Title: Clarify Dog Fighting and Baiting Law.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE STATUTE PROHIBITING DOG FIGHTING  
AND BAITING DOES NOT APPLY TO THE USE OF HERDING DOGS  
WORKING WITH DOMESTICATED LIVESTOCK.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 14-362.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-362.2. **Dog fighting and baiting.**

(a) A person who instigates, promotes, conducts, is employed at, provides a dog for, allows property under the person's ownership or control to be used for, gambles on, or profits from an exhibition featuring the baiting of a dog or the fighting of a dog with another dog or with another animal is guilty of a Class H felony. A lease of property that is used or is intended to be used for an exhibition featuring the baiting of a dog or the fighting of a dog with another dog or with another animal is void, and a lessor who knows this use is made or is intended to be made of the lessor's property is under a duty to evict the lessee immediately.

(b) A person who owns, possesses, or trains a dog with the intent that the dog be used in an exhibition featuring the baiting of that dog or the fighting of that dog with another dog or with another animal is guilty of a Class H felony.

(c) A person who participates as a spectator at an exhibition featuring the baiting of a dog or the fighting of a dog with another dog or with another animal is guilty of a Class H felony.

(d) This section does not prohibit the use of dogs in the lawful taking of animals under the jurisdiction and regulation of the Wildlife Resources Commission.

(e) This section does not apply to the use of herding dogs engaged in the working of domesticated livestock for agricultural, entertainment, or sporting purposes."

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.