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[§ 235 Prohibition](#)

Any person, who in order to obtain a profit or for entertainment purposes promotes, sponsors, organizes, facilitates or in any other way causes a dogfight, or who consents to such an act on his/her property, shall incur a felony, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a term of imprisonment that shall not exceed one (1) year, or a fine that shall not be less than five hundred (500) dollars nor more than five thousand (5,000) dollars, or both penalties at the discretion of the Court.

Any person who knowingly attends a place where a dogfight is being held, or is to be held, shall incur a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished with a term of imprisonment that shall not exceed six (6) months or a fine of not more than five hundred (500) dollars, or both penalties at the discretion of the Court.

The police shall seize all the animals, equipment, material or money found on the premises where a dogfight is being held, or to be held, whether they belong to the person organizing the fights, or to any other person present, who is related to the organization and operation of such activity. For the purpose of the seizure and disposing of property, animals, cash, equipment and materials, the procedure established in §§ 1723 et seq. of Title 34, known as the "Uniform Seizure Act of 1988", shall be followed.

The Commonwealth shall deliver the animals to any organization devoted mainly to the care of stray animals, after completing the corresponding legal paperwork, if any. Said animals shall become the property of the organization in question upon delivery thereto.

-- Dec. 7, 1993, No. 107, § 1.

NOTES, REFERENCES, AND ANNOTATIONS

History

Statement of motives.

See Laws of Puerto Rico:

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