

HOUSE BILL No. 4714

June 7, 2011, Introduced by Rep. Bledsoe and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to regulate the ownership, possession, sale, and breeding of pit bulls; to prohibit the ownership or possession of a pit bull after a certain date; and to prescribe penalties.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "pit
2 bull regulation and prohibition act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act, "pit bull" means any 1 of the
4 following:

5 (a) An American pit bull terrier.

6 (b) An American Staffordshire bull terrier.

7 (c) A Staffordshire bull terrier.

8 (d) A dog displaying the majority of physical traits of any 1
9 or more of the breeds listed in subdivisions (a) to (c).

10 (e) A dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics

1 which substantially conform to the standards established by the
2 American kennel club or united kennel club for any 1 of the breeds
3 listed in subdivisions (a) to (c).

4 Sec. 3. Beginning 1 year after the effective date of this act,
5 a person shall not breed or sell a pit bull in this state.

6 Sec. 4. Beginning 4 years after the effective date of this
7 act, a person shall not own or possess a pit bull that has not been
8 sterilized.

9 Sec. 5. Beginning 10 years after the effective date of this
10 act, a person shall not own or possess a pit bull.

11 Sec. 6. A person who violates this act is guilty of a
12 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days,
13 community service for not more than 500 hours, or both. In
14 addition, the court shall impose a fine of not less than \$500.00 or
15 more than \$2,000.00 and shall order the person to pay the costs of
16 prosecution.