

1257-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections  
(originally sponsored by Representatives Carrell, Haigh, O'Brien  
and Shabro)

Brief Description: Using dogs for fighting.

**HB 1257-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/11/04)

Provides that any person who sells or purchases any dog (Canidae) with the intent that the dog shall be engaged in an exhibition of fighting with another animal is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment not to exceed one year, or by a fine not to exceed five thousand dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Declares that mere ownership or possession of any animal does not create a presumption that the animal is owned or possessed for any purpose prohibited under chapter 16.52 RCW.