

House Bill 724

By: Representative Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to general provisions regarding offenses against public health and morals, so as to  
3 prohibit persons from being spectators at any place where chicken fights occur; to provide  
4 for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 general provisions regarding offenses against public health and morals, is amended by adding  
10 a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "16-12-4.1.

12 Any person who is knowingly present only as a spectator at any place for the fighting of  
13 chickens shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature. Each act in  
14 violation of this Code section shall constitute a separate offense."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.