

By the Committee on Agriculture; and Senators Aronberg and Campbell

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to cruelty to animals; amending
s. 828.121, F.S.; providing a definition;
providing that it is a third-degree felony for
a person to intentionally drag or fell by the
tail a bovine animal in an organized sports
exhibition; providing clarification regarding
techniques or practices that are not
prohibited; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 828.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

828.121 Conduct of simulated bullfighting exhibitions; bulltailing.--

(1) As used in this section, the term "bovine animal" means an animal of the subfamily bovine and includes, but is not limited to, a steer, calf, bull, ox, heifer, or cow.

~~(2) A it shall be unlawful, and punishable as a misdemeanor, for any person~~ may not to conduct or engage in a simulated or bloodless bullfighting exhibition.

(3) A person may not intentionally drag by the tail or fell by the tail a bovine animal as an organized sports exhibition, also known as "bulltailing."

(4)(a) A person who violates subsection (2) commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(b) A person who violates subsection (3) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

