

HB 889 -- Dog Fighting

Sponsor: Nieves

This bill specifies that any person performing the lawful seizure of a dog used for dog fighting must be given a disposition hearing within 30 days, place the impounded dog in the care or custody of a veterinarian or appropriate animal control authority or shelter, humanely kill any dog impounded if it is determined by a licensed veterinarian to be diseased or disabled beyond recovery, and not be liable for any necessary damage to property if the dog has been lawfully seized.

The owner, custodian, or any person claiming interest in the dog may prevent disposition of the dog by posting bond or security in an amount sufficient to provide for the dog's care and keeping for at least 30 days. The owner or custodian of any dog humanely killed under the provisions of the bill will not be entitled to recover any damages related to or the actual value of the dog.