How to use the Guide to Law Online at the Library of Congress...

Federal Laws


Provides links to Federal, U.S. State & Territory, Foreign, and International Law. It is a one stop for browsing through law codes, statutes, and constitutions.

This pathfinder will help you navigate through to find what you are looking for. It is difficult, however, since there is no common scheme for law listings or searches.

Looking for something in a criminal code in the United States...

Choose the link U.S. Code  under Select a link

Select a Link:

- International and Multinational
- Nations of the World
- U.S. Federal – includes U.S. Code and Constitution links
- U.S. States and Territories
- Guide Index

U.S. Code

Click on [Search the United States Code](http://www.loc.gov/law/help/guide.php)
Keyword search
(note: cockfighting didn’t have any results, so try different keywords i.e. animal fighting)

To read the law:

Also look through the law to find the criminal penalty (see j)

Now you know the title (18) and section (49)

J) CRIMINAL PENALTIES

The criminal penalties for violations of subsection (a), (b), (c), or (e) are provided in section 49 of title 18.
Do another search by the title and section to find the punishment.


This is another part of the assignment.