

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, FEBRUARY 14, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of assault
3 on sports official; and providing penalties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2712. Assault on sports official.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person who violates section 2701
10 (relating to simple assault), where the victim is a sports
11 official who was assaulted during a sports event or was
12 assaulted as a result of his or her official acts as a sports
13 official, is guilty of assault on a sports official.

14 (b) Grading.--Assault on a sports official is a misdemeanor
15 of the first degree.

1 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
2 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
3 subsection:

4 "Sports event." Any interscholastic athletic activity in a
5 junior high school, high school, college or university in this
6 Commonwealth or any other organized athletic activity in this
7 Commonwealth, INCLUDING A PROFESSIONAL OR SEMIPROFESSIONAL
8 EVENT.

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9 "Sports official." A person at a sports event who enforces
10 the rules of the event, such as an umpire or referee, or a
11 person who supervises the participants, such as a coach. The
12 term includes a trainer, team attendant, game manager and
13 athletic director.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.