

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 2301 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
8 § 2301. Definitions.

9 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
10 provisions of this article which are applicable to specific
11 chapters or other provisions of this article, the following
12 words and phrases, when used in this article shall have, unless
13 the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to
14 them in this section:

15 "Athlete." An individual competing in a sporting event.

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17 "Sporting event." An organized athletic competition. The
18 term includes interscholastic, intercollegiate, semiprofessional

1 and professional athletic competition.

2 "Sports official." An individual at a sporting event who:

3 (1) enforces the rules of the sporting event;

4 (2) supervises the participants in the sporting event;

5 (3) serves as an officer or employee of the sponsoring
6 entity of the sporting event; or

7 (4) serves as an officer or employee of an educational
8 institution participating in the sporting event.

9 Section 2. Section 2712 heading, (a) and (c) of Title 18 are
10 amended to read:

11 § 2712. Assault on sports official or athlete.

12 (a) Offense defined.--

13 (1) A person who violates section 2701 (relating to
14 simple assault), where the victim is a sports official who
15 was assaulted during a sports event or was assaulted as a
16 result of his or her official acts [as a sports official] or
17 status, is guilty of assault on a sports official.

18 (2) A person who violates section 2701, where the victim
19 is an athlete who was assaulted during a sporting event or
20 was assaulted as a result of the victim's official acts or
21 status, is guilty of assault on an athlete.

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23 [(c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
24 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
25 subsection:

26 "Sports event." Any interscholastic athletic activity in a
27 junior high school, high school, college or university in this
28 Commonwealth or any other organized athletic activity in this
29 Commonwealth, including a professional or semiprofessional
30 event.

1 "Sports official." A person at a sports event who enforces
2 the rules of the event, such as an umpire or referee, or a
3 person who supervises the participants, such as a coach. The
4 term includes a trainer, team attendant, game manager, athletic
5 director, assistant athletic director, president, dean,
6 headmaster, principal and assistant principal of a school,
7 college or university.]

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.