

Senate File 2158 - Introduced

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BY BOWMAN

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to an assault on a sports official, and
2 providing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 708.2D Assault against a sports
2 official.

3 1. A person who commits an assault, as defined in section
4 708.1, against a sports official, within the confines or
5 immediate area of the athletic facility or field at which an
6 athletic contest is being or has recently been held in which
7 the sports official took an active officiating role, is guilty
8 of a serious misdemeanor.

9 2. For purposes of this section, a "*sports official*" means
10 any person who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or
11 other similar official at any athletic contest, and who is a
12 registered member of a local, state, regional, or national
13 organization which is engaged, in part, in providing education
14 and training related to officiating such athletic contests.

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EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill provides that a person who commits an assault
19 against a person who is officiating an athletic contest or
20 against a person who has officiated the athletic contest, where
21 the assault occurs within the confines or immediate vicinity of
22 the athletic facility or field where the athletic contest is
23 being or was held, is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

24 The bill defines "*sports official*" to mean any person
25 who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or other similar
26 official at any athletic contest, and who is a registered
27 member of a local, state, regional, or national organization.

28 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no
29 more than one year and a fine of at least \$315 but not more than
30 \$1,875.