

Assault Amendments
2025 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill concerns an assault or threat of violence committed against a referee.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- creates the crime of assault or threat of violence against a referee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

76-5-102.10, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-5-102.10** is enacted to read:

76-5-102.10 . Assault or threat of violence against a referee.

(1)(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Assault" means an offense under Section 76-5-102.

(ii)(A) "Referee" means an individual who is officiating, with or without compensation, a sporting event or match sanctioned and formally organized by a public or private organization, league, school, institution, or other entity.

(B) "Referee" does not include an individual who is officiating an informal, unsanctioned sporting event or match.

(iii) "Threat of violence" means an offense under Section 76-5-107.

(b) Terms defined in Section 76-1-101.5 apply to this section.

(2) An actor commits assault or threat of violence against a referee if:

(a) the actor commits an assault or a threat of violence against an individual;

- 32 (b) the individual described in Subsection (2)(a) is a referee;
33 (c) the actor knows that the individual described in Subsection (2)(a) is a referee; and
34 (d) at the time of the assault or threat of violence committed against the individual
35 described in Subsection (2)(a), the individual was acting within the scope of the
36 individual's official duties as a referee.
37 (3) A violation of Subsection (2) is a class A misdemeanor.
38 Section 2. **Effective date.**
39 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.