

1 AN ACT relating to crimes against sports officials.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 518.090 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) A person is guilty of assault of a sports official when he or she intentionally causes
5 physical injury to a sports official:

6 (a) Who was performing sports official duties at the time the physical injury was
7 perpetrated; or

8 (b) If the physical injury occurs while the sports official is arriving at or departing
9 from the athletic facility at which the athletic event occurred.

10 (2) For the purposes of this section, "sports official" means an individual who serves as
11 a referee, umpire, linesman, or in a similar capacity that may be known by another
12 title, and who is duly registered as or is a member of a national, state, regional, or
13 local organization engaged, in part, in providing education and training to sports
14 officials.

15 (3) A person who is guilty of assault of a sports official shall~~, for a first offense,~~ be
16 guilty of a ~~Class A misdemeanor, unless the defendant assembles with five (5) or~~
17 ~~more persons for the purpose of assaulting a sports official, in which case it is a~~
18 Class D felony.~~}~~

19 ~~(4) A person who is guilty of assault of a sports official shall, for a second or subsequent~~
20 ~~offense, be guilty of a Class D felony.~~

21 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 518 IS CREATED TO
22 READ AS FOLLOWS:

23 **(1) A person is guilty of intimidation of a sports official when he or she, directly or**
24 **indirectly, makes any threat to a sports official with the intent to cause the sports**
25 **official to commit, make, or delay any act, decision, or determination regarding a**
26 **present or future sports contest, if the threat communicates present or future**
27 **intent to:**

- 1 (a) Cause physical injury to any person;
2 (b) Cause physical damage to the property of any person other than the person
3 making the threat;
4 (c) Subject any person other than the person making the threat to physical
5 confinement or restraint; or
6 (d) Commit any other act which is illegal and is intended to substantially harm
7 any person other than the person making the threat with respect to the
8 person's health, safety, business, financial condition, or personal
9 relationships.

10 (2) Intimidation of a sports official is a Class A misdemeanor.

11 (3) As used in this section, "sports official" has the same meaning as Section 1 of
12 this Act.

13 ➔Section 3. The restrictions of KRS 6.945(1) shall not apply to Section 2 of this
14 Act.