

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 sport 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.