



HB 1181

2003

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to assault on a sports official; creating
3 s. 784.0815, F.S.; defining "sports official"; providing
4 an additional penalty for assault upon a sports official
5 under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Section 784.0815, Florida Statutes, is created
10 to read:

11 784.0815 Assault on sports official; definition;
12 additional penalty.--

13 (1) For the purposes of this section, "sports official"
14 means any person who serves as a referee, an umpire, or a
15 linesman and any person who serves in a similar capacity as a
16 sports official who may be known by another title, which sports
17 official is duly registered or is a member of a local, state,
18 regional, or national organization that is engaged in part in
19 providing education and training to sports officials.

20 (2) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any
21 person who physically assaults a sports official, at any level
22 of competition, within the immediate confines or immediate
23 vicinity of the athletic facility at which the athletic contest
24 in which the sports official is an active participant commits a
25 misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable by a fine of not
26 more than \$10,000 and a term of imprisonment of not more than 3
27 years.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.