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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to assault on a sports
official; creating s. 784.0815, F.S.; defining
the term "sports official"; providing an
additional penalty for assault upon a sports
official under certain circumstances; providing
an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 784.0815, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

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

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

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

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