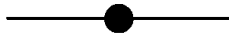


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AN ACT to amend and reenact §61-2-15a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to increasing the criminal penalties for assaults and batteries against athletic officials.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §61-2-15a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON.

§61-2-15a. Assault, battery on athletic officials; penalties.

1 (a) If any person commits an assault as defined in subsection
2 (b), section nine of this article, to the person of an athletic
3 official during the time the official is acting as an athletic
4 official, the offender is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon
5 conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$500, or
6 confined in jail not more than six months, or both fined and
7 confined.

8 (b) If any person commits a battery, as defined in subsection
9 (c), section nine of this article, against an athletic official during
10 the time the official is acting as an athletic official, the offender
11 is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall
12 be fined not more than \$1,000, or confined in jail not more than
13 twelve months, or both fined and confined.

14 (c) For the purpose of this section, "athletic official" means
15 a person at a sports event who enforces the rules of that event,
16 such as an umpire or referee, or a person who supervises the
17 participants, such as a coach.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Tommy Wells
Chairman, House Committee

Rocky Filgona
Member ~~Chairman~~, Senate Committee

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Speaker of the House of Delegates
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The within *is approved* this the *29th*
day of *April*, 2013.

Carl Ray Tomblin
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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