

SENATE BILL 200

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to offenses against
sporting officials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, is amended by
adding a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

Section 39-13-1__.

(a) A person commits assault against a sports official who:

(1) Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to a sports
official while that official is performing official duties;

(2) Intentionally or knowingly causes a sports official, while performing
official duties, to reasonably fear imminent bodily injury; or

(3) Intentionally or knowingly causes physical contact with a sports official
while that official is performing official duties and a reasonable person would
regard the contact as extremely offensive or provocative.

(b)

(1) Assault against a sports official is a Class E felony unless the offense
is committed under subdivision (a)(3), in which event assault against a sports
official is a Class A misdemeanor.

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

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.