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A BILL FOR

1 An Act enhancing the penalty for a simple misdemeanor assault
2 against a sports official.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 708.2D ASSAULT AGAINST A SPORTS
2 OFFICIAL.

3 1. A person who commits a simple misdemeanor assault, as
4 described in section 708.2, against a sports official, within
5 the confines or immediate area of the athletic facility or
6 field at which an athletic contest is being or has recently
7 been held in which the sports official took an active
8 officiating role, is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

9 2. For purposes of this section, a "sports official" means
10 any person who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or other
11 similar official at any athletic contest, and who is a
12 registered member of a local, state, regional, or national
13 organization which is engaged, in part, in providing education
14 and training related to officiating such athletic contests.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill enhances the penalty for a simple misdemeanor
17 assault against a sports official.

18 The bill provides that a person who commits a simple
19 misdemeanor assault against a person who is officiating an
20 athletic contest or against a person who has officiated in an
21 athletic contest, where the assault occurs within the confines
22 or immediate vicinity of the athletic facility or field where
23 the athletic contest is being or was held, is guilty of a
24 serious misdemeanor.

25 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no
26 more than one year and a fine of at least \$250 but not more
27 than \$1,500.

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