

HOUSE BILL No. 2542

By Representatives Samsel, Bergkamp and Lynn

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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
2 to sports officials; creating the crime of abuse of a sports official and
3 providing penalties therefor.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Abuse of a sports official is intentionally:

7 (1) Striking, shoving, kicking, spitting on or otherwise causing
8 physical contact with a sports official or threatening to engage in such
9 conduct;

10 (2) approaching a sports official in a menacing, threatening, irate or
11 violent manner that would cause a reasonable person to fear for such
12 person's safety; or

13 (3) directing threatening, abusive or obscene language or making
14 obscene gestures toward a sports official that would cause a reasonable
15 person to fear for such person's safety.

16 (b) Abuse of a sports official is a:

17 (1) Class B person misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection (b)
18 (2); and

19 (2) class A person misdemeanor, if the sports official is less than 18
20 years of age.

21 (c) For the purposes of this section, "sports official" means a person
22 who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, timekeeper, assistant, inspector
23 or judge, or performs similar functions at a competitive event, whether
24 paid or unpaid.

25 (d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas
26 criminal code.

27 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
28 publication in the statute book.