

HOUSE BILL No. 2613

By Representatives Samsel and Lynn

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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
2 to sports officials; creating the crime of harassment of a sports official
3 and providing penalties therefor.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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

7 (1) Striking, shoving, kicking, spitting on or otherwise making
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;

13 (3) impeding or obstructing the path of a sports official or the path of
14 a sports official's vehicle;

15 (4) directing threatening, abusive or obscene language or making
16 obscene gestures toward a sports official that would cause a reasonable
17 person to fear for such person's safety; or

18 (5) communicating with a sports official anonymously, or otherwise,
19 by telephone, telegraph, mail, electronic mail or any other form of written
20 or electronic communication, in a manner likely to harass, annoy or alarm
21 when such communication is in response to the performance of a sports
22 official in such person's capacity as a sports official.

23 (b) (1) Harassment of a sports official is a:

24 (A) Class B person misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection
25 (b)(1)(B); and

26 (B) class A person misdemeanor, if the sports official is less than 18
27 years of age.

28 (2) In addition to the penalty provided in paragraph (1), the court may
29 require, and upon a second or subsequent conviction shall require, a person
30 convicted of harassment of a sports official to complete 40 hours of
31 community service and may require such person to participate in
32 counseling at the offender expense.

33 (c) For the purposes of this section, "sports official" means a person
34 who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, timekeeper, assistant, inspector
35 or judge, or performs similar functions at a sporting event, whether paid or
36 unpaid.

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

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