

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 754

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES GRILL (Sponsor), HODGES AND ATKINS (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 565, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to assaulting an athletic official, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 565, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 565.079, to read as follows:

565.079. 1. A person commits the crime of assaulting an athletic official if such
2 **person, without justifiable or excusable cause, and with intent to do bodily harm, commits**
3 **a misdemeanor assault, as defined in section 565.070, of an athletic official in connection**
4 **with an athletic event.**

5 **2. As used in this section "athletic official" includes any referee, umpire,**
6 **timekeeper, coach, or other official having authority in connection with any amateur or**
7 **professional athletic event.**

8 **3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 565.070, assaulting an athletic official**
9 **is a class A misdemeanor.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.