

HOUSE No. 2234

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act for the Protection of Gaming Officials.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	16th Middlesex
John V. Fernandes	10th Worcester
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol
Louis L. Kafka	8th Norfolk
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Kevin J. Murphy	18th Middlesex
Kevin Aguiar	7th Bristol

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAMING OFFICIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 272 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following sections:-

2 Section 105.

3 When a battery is committed against a sports official immediately prior to, during, or immediately
4 following an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or any other organized amateur or professional athletic
5 contest in which the sports official is participating, and the person who commits the offense knows or
6 reasonably should know that the victim is engaged in the performance of his or her duties, the offense
7 shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), or by imprisonment in the
8 county jail not exceeding one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment. (b) For the purposes of this
9 section, "sports official" means nay individual who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or who serves in
10 similar capacity but may be known by a different title or name and is duly registered by, or a member of a
11 local, state, regional or national organization engaged in part in providing education and training to sports
12 officials.

13 No person shall require any athletic official to remain on the playing surface of an athletic contest after
14 the expiration of any interscholastic, intercollegiate or any other organized amateur or sporting contest.

15 For the purposes of this section the term "athletic official" means an individual who officiates, referees, or
16 umpires an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or any other amateur athletic contest conducted by a nonprofit

17 corporation or governmental body. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a
18 fine of not more than \$200 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days.