

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1825**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven George Xiarhos*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to enhanced penalties for those who commit assault and battery against school sports officials.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>8/2/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/2/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>8/2/2023</i>

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By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1825) of Steven George Xiarhos and others relative to enhanced penalties for assault and battery against school sports officials. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to enhanced penalties for those who commit assault and battery against school sports 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. Section 13D of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph:-

3           "For purposes of this section, a "public employee" shall be deemed to include any person  
4 who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, timer or scorer, or who serves in a similar capacity,  
5 while working, supervising or administering a sports event, including but not limited to a school  
6 sports event, and who is registered as a member of a local, state, regional, or national  
7 organization that is engaged in providing education and training to sports officials, and  
8 regardless of whether such a person serves as a volunteer, independent contractor, or contract  
9 employee.