

# SENATE BILL No. 31

January 27, 2015, Introduced by Senator HOOD and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
(MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 81f.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 81F. (1) A PERSON WHO ASSAULTS, BATTERS, OR ASSAULTS AND  
2 BATTERS, OR WHO SOLICITS OR ENCOURAGES ANOTHER PERSON TO ASSAULT,  
3 BATTER, OR ASSAULT AND BATTER, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS PERFORMING HIS  
4 OR HER DUTIES AS A SPORTS OFFICIAL WHILE AT A SPORTING EVENT OR  
5 THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA IS GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY  
6 IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 3 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN  
7 \$10,000.00, OR BOTH.

8           (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM BEING CHARGED  
9 WITH, CONVICTED OF, OR PUNISHED FOR ANY OTHER VIOLATION OF LAW  
10 ARISING OUT OF THE SAME TRANSACTION AS THE VIOLATION OF THIS

1 SECTION.

2 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

3 (A) "SPORTING EVENT" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

4 (i) AN ORGANIZED COMPETITIVE ATHLETIC ACTIVITY BETWEEN 2 OR  
5 MORE INDIVIDUALS.

6 (ii) AN EVENT THAT IS CONDUCTED BEFORE OR AFTER AN ATHLETIC  
7 ACTIVITY DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (i) TO RECOGNIZE OR CELEBRATE  
8 THAT ATHLETIC ACTIVITY OR TO RECOGNIZE OR CELEBRATE 1 OR MORE  
9 INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THAT ATHLETIC ACTIVITY.

10 (B) "SPORTS OFFICIAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES EITHER OF  
11 THE FOLLOWING:

12 (i) OFFICIALLY ADMINISTERS OR OFFICIALLY ASSISTS IN  
13 ADMINISTERING THE RULES AT ANY SPORTING EVENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT  
14 LIMITED TO, A REFEREE.

15 (ii) COACHES OR ASSISTS IN COACHING INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN ANY  
16 SPORTING EVENT.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
18 after the date it is enacted into law.