



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 158

March 10, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives NOVAK, DALLMAN, VRUWINK, ARMSTRONG, BILLINGS, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CALLAHAN, HORLACHER, MOSES, OLDENBURG, PETRYK, ROZAR, SCHRAA, SKOWRONSKI, STEFFEN, SUBECK, TITTL, TUSLER and MURSAU, cosponsored by Senators BALLWEG, JACQUE, MARKLEIN, NASS, PFAFF, SMITH and TESTIN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Referred to Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 947.013 (1) (e) and 947.013 (1p) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 harassment of a sports official and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person commits harassment and is subject to a Class B forfeiture if the person, with intent to harass or intimidate, strikes, shoves, or kicks another person or if the person engages in a course of conduct or repeatedly commits acts which harass or intimidate another person and which serve no legitimate purpose. Under this bill, the person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if the person commits harassment against a sports official, such as a referee, umpire, judge, or person performing similar functions, and the harassment is in response to, or intended to influence, an action by the sports official.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 947.013 (1) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
4 947.013 (1) (e) "Sports official" means a person who serves as a referee, umpire,
5 linesman, timekeeper, inspector, or judge, or performs similar functions, whether

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1 paid or unpaid, at a sporting event open to the public and who is recognizable as a
2 sports official.

3 **SECTION 2.** 947.013 (1p) of the statutes is created to read:

4 947.013 **(1p)** Whoever violates sub. (1m) is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if
5 the victim is a sports official and the violation is in response to, or intended to
6 influence, an action by the sports official in his or her official capacity. In addition
7 to any other penalties that apply to the crime, the court may impose up to 40 hours
8 of community service work and may require that the actor participate in counseling,
9 including anger management or abusive behavior intervention, at the actor's
10 expense.

11 (END)