

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

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**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

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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  
10 in similar capacity but may be known by a different title or name and is duly registered by, or a member  
11 of a local, state, regional or national organization engaged in part in providing education and training to  
12 sports officials.

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14 No person shall require any athletic official to remain on the playing surface of an athletic contest after  
15 the expiration of any interscholastic, intercollegiate or any other organized amateur or sporting contest.  
16 For the purposes of this section the term "athletic official" means an individual who officiates, referees,  
17 or umpires an interscholastic, intercollegiate, or any other amateur athletic contest conducted by a  
18 nonprofit corporation or governmental body. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be  
19 punished by a fine of not more than \$200 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

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