

# SENATE BILL No. 8

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-42-2-1.

**Synopsis:** Battery on a sports official. Increases the penalty for battery if it is committed against a person certified as a referee, umpire, or athletic official.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 6, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections & Criminal Law.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 35-42-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.158-2013,  
2 SECTION 420, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 1. (a) As used in this section,  
4 "public safety **or athletic** official" means:  
5 (1) a law enforcement officer, including an alcoholic beverage  
6 enforcement officer;  
7 (2) an employee of a penal facility or a juvenile detention facility  
8 (as defined in IC 31-9-2-71);  
9 (3) an employee of the department of correction;  
10 (4) a probation officer;  
11 (5) a parole officer;  
12 (6) a community corrections worker;  
13 (7) a home detention officer;  
14 (8) a department of child services employee;  
15 (9) a firefighter; **or**  
16 (10) an emergency medical services provider; **or**



1           **(11) a person serving as:**

2               **(A) a referee;**

3               **(B) an umpire; or**

4               **(C) an official;**

5           **at an athletic event, if the person has been certified as a**  
 6           **referee, umpire, or official by a national certification**  
 7           **program.**

8           (b) Except as provided in subsections (c) through (j), a person who  
 9           knowingly or intentionally:

10           (1) touches another person in a rude, insolent, or angry manner;  
 11           or

12           (2) in a rude, insolent, or angry manner places any bodily fluid or  
 13           waste on another person;

14           commits battery, a Class B misdemeanor.

15           (c) The offense described in subsection (b)(1) or (b)(2) is a Class A  
 16           misdemeanor if it results in bodily injury to any other person.

17           (d) The offense described in subsection (b)(1) or (b)(2) is a Level 6  
 18           felony if one (1) or more of the following apply:

19           (1) The offense results in moderate bodily injury to any other  
 20           person.

21           (2) The offense is committed against a public safety **or athletic**  
 22           official while the official is engaged in the official's official duty.

23           (3) The offense is committed against a person less than fourteen  
 24           (14) years of age and is committed by a person at least eighteen  
 25           (18) years of age.

26           (4) The offense is committed against a person of any age who has  
 27           a mental or physical disability and is committed by a person  
 28           having the care of the person with the mental or physical  
 29           disability, whether the care is assumed voluntarily or because of  
 30           a legal obligation.

31           (5) The offense is committed against an endangered adult (as  
 32           defined in IC 12-10-3-2).

33           (6) The offense is committed against a family or household  
 34           member (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-128) if the person who  
 35           committed the offense:

36               (A) is at least eighteen (18) years of age; and

37               (B) committed the offense in the physical presence of a child  
 38               less than sixteen (16) years of age, knowing that the child was  
 39               present and might be able to see or hear the offense.

40           (e) The offense described in subsection (b)(2) is a Level 6 felony if  
 41           the person knew or recklessly failed to know that the bodily fluid or  
 42           waste placed on another person was infected with hepatitis,



- 1 tuberculosis, or human immunodeficiency virus.
- 2 (f) The offense described in subsection (b)(1) or (b)(2) is a Level 5
- 3 felony if one (1) or more of the following apply:
- 4 (1) The offense results in serious bodily injury to another person.
- 5 (2) The offense is committed with a deadly weapon.
- 6 (3) The offense results in bodily injury to a pregnant woman if the
- 7 person knew of the pregnancy.
- 8 (4) The person has a previous conviction for battery against the
- 9 same victim.
- 10 (5) The offense results in bodily injury to one (1) or more of the
- 11 following:
- 12 (A) A public safety **or athletic** official while the official is
- 13 engaged in the official's official duties.
- 14 (B) A person less than fourteen (14) years of age if the offense
- 15 is committed by a person at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 16 (C) A person who has a mental or physical disability if the
- 17 offense is committed by an individual having care of the
- 18 person with the disability, regardless of whether the care is
- 19 assumed voluntarily or because of a legal obligation.
- 20 (D) An endangered adult (as defined in IC 12-10-3-2).
- 21 (g) The offense described in subsection (b)(2) is a Level 5 felony if:
- 22 (1) the person knew or recklessly failed to know that the bodily
- 23 fluid or waste placed on another person was infected with
- 24 hepatitis, tuberculosis, or human immunodeficiency virus; and
- 25 (2) the person placed the bodily fluid or waste on a public safety
- 26 **or athletic** official.
- 27 (h) The offense described in subsection (b)(1) or (b)(2) is a Level 4
- 28 felony if it results in serious bodily injury to an endangered adult (as
- 29 defined in IC 12-10-3-2).
- 30 (i) The offense described in subsection (b)(1) or (b)(2) is a Level 3
- 31 felony if it results in serious bodily injury to a person less than fourteen
- 32 (14) years of age if the offense is committed by a person at least
- 33 eighteen (18) years of age.
- 34 (j) The offense described in subsection (b)(1) or (b)(2) is a Level 2
- 35 felony if it results in the death of one (1) or more of the following:
- 36 (1) A person less than fourteen (14) years of age if the offense is
- 37 committed by a person at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- 38 (2) An endangered adult (as defined in IC 12-10-3-2).

