

HOUSE No. 1825

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>

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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)**

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.