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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 657**

Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth,  
31; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

Read first time January 22, 2025

Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section
- 2 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to create the
- 3 offense of assault on a sports official; to provide a penalty; to
- 4 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2024, is amended to read:

3           28-101 Sections 28-101 to 28-1357, 28-1601 to 28-1603, and 28-1701  
4 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska  
5 Criminal Code.

6           **Sec. 2.** (1) For purposes of this section:

7           (a) Athletic contest means any interscholastic, intercollegiate, or  
8 any other organized amateur or professional athletic contest; and

9           (b) Sports official means any individual who:

10           (i) Serves as a referee, umpire, or linesman or who serves in a  
11 similar capacity but is known by a different title or name; and

12           (ii) Is duly registered by, or a member of, a local, state,  
13 regional, or national organization engaged in part in providing education  
14 and training to sports officials.

15           (2) A person commits the offense of assault on a sports official if  
16 such person:

17           (a) Intentionally or knowingly causes bodily injury to a sports  
18 official;

19           (b) Such offense is committed immediately prior to, during, or  
20 immediately following an athletic contest in which the sports official is  
21 participating; and

22           (c) The person who commits the offense knows or reasonably should  
23 know that the victim is a sports official.

24           (3) A violation of this section is a Class IV felony.

25           **Sec. 3.** Original section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
26 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.