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H.P. 1127

House of Representatives, March 21, 2007

### An Act To Protect School Athletic Contest Officials

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SYKES of Harrison.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, GERZOFKY of Brunswick,  
Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, McCORMICK of Kennebec.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §207, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 4. Notwithstanding subsection 3, an assault against a school athletic contest official  
4 that occurs within the confines or immediate vicinity of an athletic facility at which the  
5 school athletic contest official is acting or was acting in that person's capacity of a school  
6 athletic contest official is a Class C crime punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and  
7 imprisonment of not more than 3 years. For purposes of this subsection, "school athletic  
8 contest official" means a person acting in the capacity of an umpire, referee, judge,  
9 timekeeper, coach, instructor, administrator or other position, including an assistant to  
10 any such person, while that person is actively engaged in the officiating, conducting or  
11 supervising of a public or private school contest. "School athletic contest official" does  
12 not include a person participating in the sport as a team member or contestant.

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### SUMMARY

14 This bill makes assault against a school athletic contest official, including an umpire,  
15 coach or administrator, a Class C crime punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and  
16 imprisonment of not more than 3 years.