

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 896

House of Representatives, March 28, 2023

### **An Act to Protect Officials and Participants at Sporting Events**

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Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator RAFFERTY of York and  
Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DODGE of Belfast, PERRY of Calais,  
SHAGOURY of Hallowell, Senators: LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §702** is enacted to read:

3 **§702. Abuse of officials and participants of sporting events**

4 **1. Prohibition.** A person is guilty of abuse of an official or participant of a sporting  
5 event if during a sporting event that person directs abusive, profane, obscene or slanderous  
6 language at an official or participant of the sporting event.

7 **2. Penalty.** A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a  
8 fine of \$100 must be adjudged.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill makes directing abusive, profane, obscene or slanderous language at an  
11 official or participant of a sporting event a civil violation for which a fine of \$100 must be  
12 adjudged.