

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 286  
SENATE BILL 30

AN ACT TO MAKE IT A GENERAL MISDEMEANOR TO COMMIT AN  
ASSAULT ON A SPORTS OFFICIAL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-33(b) is rewritten to read:

"(b) Unless his conduct is covered under some other provision of law providing greater punishment, any person who commits any assault, assault and battery, or affray is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine, imprisonment for not more than two years, or both such fine and imprisonment if, in the course of the assault, assault and battery, or affray, he:

- (1) Inflicts, or attempts to inflict, serious injury upon another person or uses a deadly weapon; or
- (2) Assaults a female, he being a male person at least 18 years of age; or
- (3) Assaults a child under the age of 12 years; or
- (4) to (7). Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 525, s. 1.
- (8) Assaults an officer or employee of the State or of any political subdivision of the State, when the officer or employee is discharging or attempting to discharge his official duties.
- (9) Commits an assault and battery against a sports official when the sports official is discharging or attempting to discharge official duties at a sports event, or immediately after the sports event at which the sports official discharged official duties. A 'sports official' is a person at a sports event who enforces the rules of the event, such as an umpire or referee, or a person who supervises the participants, such as a coach. A 'sports event' includes any interscholastic or intramural athletic activity in a primary, middle, junior high, or high school, college, or university, any organized athletic activity sponsored by a community, business, or nonprofit organization, any athletic activity that is a professional or semiprofessional event, and any other organized athletic activity in the State."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1993, and applies to offenses occurring on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of July, 1993.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives