

# HOUSE BILL No. 5557

February 18, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Pastor, Hune, Brandenburg, Stahl, Daniels, LaJoy, Taub, Sak, Casperson, Sheen and Farhat and referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
(MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 81e.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 81e. (1) A person who is not a sports participant who  
2 assaults or assaults and batters a sports participant under  
3 either of the following circumstances is guilty of a misdemeanor  
4 punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of  
5 not more than \$5,000.00, or both:

6           (a) The sports participant is performing duties or  
7 responsibilities in his or her capacity as a sports participant.

8           (b) The assault or assault and battery is carried out in  
9 retaliation for or on account of the sports participant's  
10 performance of a duty or responsibility within his or her  
11 capacity as a sports participant.

1           (2) As used in this section, "sports participant" means an  
2 individual who participates in any official capacity in an  
3 interscholastic or other organized athletic competition between  
4 individuals under the age of 18, including, but not limited to, 1  
5 or more of the following:

- 6           (a) An athlete.
- 7           (b) A referee.
- 8           (c) An umpire.
- 9           (d) A linesman.
- 10          (e) A coach.
- 11          (f) An instructor.
- 12          (g) An administrator.
- 13          (h) A staff member.