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Introduced by M. of A. SALADINO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the crime of assault on a sports official or sports team coach

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 120.09 to read as follows:

S 120.09 ASSAULT ON A SPORTS OFFICIAL OR SPORTS TEAM COACH.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF ASSAULT ON A SPORTS OFFICIAL OR SPORTS TEAM COACH WHEN HE OR SHE CAUSES PHYSICAL INJURY TO A SPORTS OFFICIAL OR COACH PRIOR TO, DURING, OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AN INTERSCHOLASTIC, INTERCOLLEGIATE, OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZED AMATEUR CONTEST IN WHICH SUCH SPORTS OFFICIAL OR SPORTS TEAM COACH IS PARTICIPATING, WHERE THE PERSON COMMITTING THE OFFENSE KNOWS OR REASONABLY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE VICTIM WAS A SPORTS OFFICIAL OR SPORTS TEAM COACH. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION "SPORTS OFFICIAL" SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO A REFEREE, UMPIRE, OR LINESMAN, A "SPORTS TEAM COACH" SHALL INCLUDE COACHES OF TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS, AND COACHING ASSISTANTS.

ASSAULT ON A SPORTS OFFICIAL OR SPORTS TEAM COACH IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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