

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:38.4 and 63.5, relative to school athletic and recreational athletic contests;
3 to create the crime of harassment of a school or recreation athletic contest official;
4 to create the crime of entry or remaining on site of a school athletic or recreation
5 athletic contest after being forbidden; to provide for definitions; to provide for
6 penalties; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:38.4 and 63.5 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §38.4. Harassment of a school or recreation athletic contest official

10 A.(1) No person shall engage in the harassment of a school athletic or
11 recreation athletic contest official that occurs under either of the following
12 circumstances:

13 (a) While the school athletic or recreation athletic contest official is actively
14 engaged in the conducting, supervising, refereeing, or officiating of a school-
15 sanctioned interscholastic athletic contest or a sanctioned recreation athletic contest.

16 (b) In the immediate vicinity of a school-sanctioned interscholastic athletic
17 contest or a sanctioned recreation athletic contest and is based on the official's
18 performance in the conducting, supervising, refereeing, or officiating of a school-
19 sanctioned interscholastic athletic contest or a sanctioned recreation athletic contest.

20 (2) For purposes of this Paragraph, "harassment" shall include verbal or non-
21 verbal behavior by the offender that would cause a reasonable person to be placed
22 in fear of receiving bodily harm.

1 or location of the athletic contest, after having been forbidden to do so, either orally
2 or in writing, by any owner, lessee, or custodian of the property or by any other
3 authorized person.

4 B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more
5 than five hundred dollars, imprisoned without hard labor for not more than six
6 months, or both.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____