

**ACT No. 355**

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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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