HOUSE BILL No. 2613

By Representatives Samsel and Lynn

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
to sports officials; creating the crime of harassment of a sports official
and providing penalties therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Harassment of a sports official is intentionally:
(1) striking, shoving, kicking, spitting on or otherwise making
physical contact with a sports official or threatening to engage in such
conduct;
(2) approaching a sports official in a menacing, threatening, irate or
violent manner that would cause a reasonable person to fear for such
person's safety;
(3) impeding or obstructing the path of a sports official or the path of
a sports official's vehicle;
(4) directing threatening, abusive or obscene language or making
obscene gestures toward a sports official that would cause a reasonable
person to fear for such person's safety; or
(5) communicating with a sports official anonymously or otherwise,
by telephone, telegraph, mail, electronic mail or any other form of written
or electronic communication, in a manner likely to harass, annoy or alarm
when such communication is in response to the performance of a sports
official in such person's capacity as a sports official.

(b) (1) Harassment of a sports official is a:
(A) Class B person misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection
(b)(1)(B); and
(B) class A person misdemeanor, if the sports official is less than 18
years of age.

(2) In addition to the penalty provided in paragraph (1), the court may
require, and upon a second or subsequent conviction shall require, a person
convicted of harassment of a sports official to complete 40 hours of
community service and may require such person to participate in
counseling at the offender expense.

(c) For the purposes of this section, "sports official" means a person
who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, timekeeper, assistant, inspector
or judge, or performs similar functions at a sporting event, whether pair or
unpaid.
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(d) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas criminal code.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.