

# SENATE BILL 691

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By: **Senators Klausmeier, Cassilly, and West**  
Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020  
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Felony Second Degree Assault – Sports Official**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to  
4 another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an official, an  
5 umpire, a referee, or a judge officiating at a sporting event; applying certain  
6 penalties; and generally relating to felony second degree assault.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Criminal Law  
9 Section 3–203  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 3–203.

16 (a) A person may not commit an assault.

17 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a person who violates  
18 subsection (a) of this section is guilty of the misdemeanor of assault in the second degree  
19 and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding  
20 \$2,500 or both.

21 (c) (1) In this subsection, “physical injury” means any impairment of physical  
22 condition, excluding minor injuries.

23 (2) A person may not intentionally cause physical injury to another if the

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 person knows or has reason to know that the other is:

2 (i) a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of the  
3 officer's official duties;

4 (ii) a parole or probation agent engaged in the performance of the  
5 agent's official duties; **[or]**

6 (iii) a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a rescue squad  
7 member, or any other first responder engaged in providing emergency medical care or  
8 rescue services; **OR**

9 **(IV) AN OFFICIAL, AN UMPIRE, A REFEREE, OR A JUDGE WHO IS**  
10 **OFFICIATING AT A SPORTING EVENT.**

11 (3) A person who violates paragraph (2) of this subsection is guilty of the  
12 felony of assault in the second degree and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not  
13 exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2020.