

**Assault Amendments**  
2025 GENERAL SESSION  
STATE OF UTAH  
**Chief Sponsor: Jon Hawkins**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill concerns an assault or threat of violence committed against a referee.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- defines terms; and
- creates the crime of assault or threat of violence against a referee.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**76-5-102.10**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **76-5-102.10** is enacted to read:

**76-5-102.10 . Assault or threat of violence against a referee.**

(1)(a) As used in this section:

(i) "Assault" means an offense under Section 76-5-102.

(ii)(A) "Referee" means an individual who is officiating, with or without compensation, a sporting event or match sanctioned and formally organized by a public or private organization, league, school, institution, or other entity.

(B) "Referee" does not include an individual who is officiating an informal, unsanctioned sporting event or match.

(iii) "Threat of violence" means an offense under Section 76-5-107.

(b) Terms defined in Section 76-1-101.5 apply to this section.

(2) An actor commits assault or threat of violence against a referee if:

(a) the actor commits an assault or a threat of violence against an individual;

- 32        (b) the individual described in Subsection (2)(a) is a referee;
- 33        (c) the actor knows that the individual described in Subsection (2)(a) is a referee; and
- 34        (d) at the time of the assault or threat of violence committed against the individual
- 35            described in Subsection (2)(a), the individual was acting within the scope of the
- 36            individual's official duties as a referee.
- 37        (3) A violation of Subsection (2) is a class A misdemeanor.
- 38            **Section 2. Effective date.**
- 39        This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.