



TITLE 11

Crimes and Criminal Procedure

PART I

Delaware Criminal Code

CHAPTER 5. SPECIFIC OFFENSES

Subchapter II. Offenses Against the Person

Subpart A. Assaults and Related Offenses

§ 614. Abuse of a sports official; class G felony; class A misdemeanor.

(a) A person is guilty of abuse of a sports official whenever the person intentionally or recklessly commits the following acts against a sports official who is acting in the lawful performance of duty:

- (1) Reckless endangering in the second degree, as set forth in § 603 of this title; or
- (2) Assault in the third degree, as set forth in § 611 of this title; or
- (3) Terroristic threatening, as set forth in § 621 of this title; or
- (4) Criminal mischief, as set forth in § 811 of this title.

(b) For purposes of this section, the words "sports official" shall mean any person who serves as a registered, paid or volunteer referee, umpire, line judge or acts in any similar capacity during a sporting event. For purposes of this section, the words, "lawful performance of duty" means the time immediately prior to, during and/or immediately after the sporting event.

(c) Whoever violates subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor. Upon conviction for a second or subsequent offense under this section, such person shall be guilty of a class G felony. Notwithstanding Chapter 42 of this title, such person shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,350. In addition to the fines imposed by this subsection, any person who is guilty of abuse of a sports official shall be prohibited from participating in and/or attending any organized sporting event for a period of not less than 3 months nor more than 12 months.

(d) Except as provided in § 922 of Title 10, and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Court of Common Pleas shall have original jurisdiction to hear, try and finally determine any violation of this section, and any other misdemeanor violation of any offense set forth in this title which was allegedly committed during the same incident. Prosecution under this section shall not preclude a separate charge, conviction and sentence for any other crime set forth in the Code. (67 Del. Laws, c. 247, § 1; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1; 74 Del. Laws, c. 342, § 1.)