

Subject Establishing a civil penalty for interfering with youth athletic activities

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Overview

This bill authorizes the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to impose civil penalties on individuals who interfere with certain individuals during a youth athletic activity.

Summary

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1	Civil penalties.
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Authorizes the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 on individuals who are disruptive or physically interfere with a game organizer, player, or coach during a youth athletic activity.

2	Disrupting or interfering with a youth athletic activity; civil penalty.
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Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines the terms “official” and “youth athletic activity” for purposes of this section.

Subd. 2. Violations. Establishes that the commission may impose a civil penalty on an individual that performs certain acts that involve intentionally disrupting a youth athletic activity or physically interfering with an official, game organizer, player, or coach. Specifies that the violation includes the area where a game is taking place, the parking lot area, and travel to or from a vehicle or public transit stop.

Subd. 3. Youth officiating program grants. Creates the youth officiating account in the special revenue fund, requires all civil penalties collected under this section to be deposited into that account, and provides for development of youth officiating programs or grants to develop those programs.

Subd. 4. Notification. Authorizes the Minnesota State High School League to notify the commission when a person is banned from attendance at

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interscholastic athletic activities and authorizes individuals who witnessed an act that would constitute a violation to notify the commission.

Subd. 5. Hearing. Establishes a right to a hearing for a person on whom a civil penalty is imposed and requires the person to make a written request within 15 days to secure the hearing. Requires a hearing officer who is not an employee of the commission to hear the hearing and requires at least ten days notice of the time and location of the hearing.



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