

Defined term: "Person" § 1-101

10-203. INTERFERENCE WITH COMMERCIAL ATHLETIC EVENT.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COMMERCIAL ATHLETIC CONTEST" MEANS AN ATHLETIC OR SPORTING EVENT HELD IN A PUBLIC ARENA, FIELD, HALL, OR STADIUM FOR ADMISSION TO WHICH THE GENERAL PUBLIC MUST PAY AN ADMISSION CHARGE.

(3) "OBJECT" MEANS AN ITEM THAT MAY CAUSE INJURY TO A PARTICIPANT IN OR OBSERVER OF THE COMMERCIAL ATHLETIC CONTEST.

(B) PROHIBITED.

A PERSON MAY NOT DISRUPT OR INTERFERE WITH A COMMERCIAL ATHLETIC CONTEST BY THROWING OR PROJECTING AN OBJECT ON THE PLAYING FIELD OR SEATING AREA.

(C) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 MONTHS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$250 OR BOTH.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 125 1/2.

In subsection (a)(2) of this section, the former phrase "of the State" is deleted as surplusage.

Also in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the references to the potential venues for a commercial athletic event are revised in light of Art. 1, § 8 which provides that the singular includes the plural unless that construction is unreasonable.

The Criminal Law Article Review Committee notes, for the consideration of the General Assembly, that in subsection (b) of this section the reference to the "playing field or seating area" may not include many areas that may need to be secured from disruption and interference in the course of a commercial athletic contest. For example, it is not clear that a bullpen, on-deck circle, dugout, or penalty box is part of the "playing field or seating area". The General Assembly may wish to explore the areas that may need to be included in order to secure a commercial athletic contest from interference.

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10-204. INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS TO OR EGRESS FROM A MEDICAL FACILITY.

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