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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2457**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Levine**

February 21, 2014

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An act to ~~amend Section 243.85 of~~ *add Section 243.84* to the Penal Code, relating to crimes.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2457, as amended, Levine. ~~Professional sports facility: violent act: reporting.~~ *Assault and battery: stadium or arena: enhancement.*

*Existing law makes it a misdemeanor to commit an assault or a battery, except in specified instances, and makes these crimes punishable by a fine, not to exceed \$1,000 or \$2,000, respectively, or by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed 6 months, or by both that fine and imprisonment.*

*This bill, for an assault or a battery that was committed on stadium or arena property on an event day, as defined, would require the imposition of an additional fine of \$10,000. The bill would specify that this provision not apply to players or sports officials.*

~~Existing law requires the owner of any professional sports facility to post, visible from a majority of the seating in the stands at all times, at controlled entry areas, and at parking facilities that are part of the professional sports facility, written notices displaying the text message number and telephone number to contact security in order to report a violent act.~~

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 243.84 is added to the Penal Code, to  
2 read:

3 243.84. (a) If a person commits an assault or battery on  
4 stadium or arena property on an event day, the person shall be  
5 subject to an additional fine of up to ten thousand dollars  
6 (\$10,000).

7 (b) This section shall not apply to players or sports officials, as  
8 defined in Section 243.8.

9 (c) As used in this section, the following definitions shall apply:

10 (1) "Event day" means the period of time from 12 hours prior  
11 to the start of an event at a stadium or arena through 12 hours  
12 after the conclusion of the event, inclusive.

13 (2) "Stadium or arena" means a venue within the state that is  
14 capable of seating an audience of more than 5,000 people.

15 (3) "Stadium or arena property" means within or upon the  
16 stadium or arena structure, the parking structure, and a parking  
17 lot adjacent to or serving the stadium or arena.

18 (4) "Stadium or arena event" means an event at a stadium or  
19 arena with an audience of more than 1,000 people in attendance.

20 (d) This section does not limit or prevent prosecution under any  
21 other applicable provision of law.

22 SECTION 1. ~~Section 243.85 of the Penal Code is amended to~~  
23 ~~read:~~

24 ~~243.85. The owner of a professional sports facility shall post,~~  
25 ~~visible at all times from a majority of the seating in the stands, at~~  
26 ~~controlled entry areas, and at parking facilities that are a part of~~  
27 ~~the professional sports facility, written notices displaying the text~~  
28 ~~message number and telephone number to contact security in order~~  
29 ~~to report a violent act.~~