



BYLAW PROPOSAL

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BYLAW: 718, ASSAULT-CENSURE AND SUSPENSION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Cite the bylaw (or subsection thereof) that you wish to change and write the bylaw as it would appear with your proposed revisions. Bylaw changes underlined.

Section 1.

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- (b) "Assault of an official" shall be defined as an intentional act of physical violence upon an official and shall include, but not be limited to, hitting, kicking, punching, choking, spitting at, or on, grabbing or bodily running into an official, kicking or throwing any object that could inflict injury, damaging an official's uniform or personal property; i.e., car, equipment, etc.
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- (d) "~~Physical~~ Abuse of an official" shall be defined as, but not limited to, using foul or abusive language toward the official, threatening the official with remarks that carry implied or direct threat of physical harm, and spewing a beverage on an official or his property; or spitting at (but not on) the referee.

HOW THE BYLAW WOULD BE CHANGED: Write the bylaw tracking your proposed changes. Underline new language and strike out language that you wish to delete.

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RATIONALE: Explain the rationale for your proposal and the intended effect of the change.

Bylaw 718, ASSAULT-CENSURE AND SUSPENSION is based directly on the USSF Hearing Manual. Additions/deletion shown above reflect new language.