

HB 2047 -- ASSAULT BY "KNOCKOUT GAME"

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Currently, a person commits the crime of assault in the first degree, a class B felony, if he or she attempts to kill or knowingly causes or attempts to cause serious physical injury to another person.

This bill adds to that crime the act of attempting to cause or causing another to lose consciousness by a single punch, kick, or other singular striking motion for the sole purpose of bringing about the loss of consciousness and the voluntary filming, photographing, or publicizing the act, commonly known as the "knockout game." Any person 16 years of age or older who commits this particular crime must be adjudicated as an adult.

Assault in the first degree is a class A felony if, in the course of the act, the actor inflicts serious physical injury to the victim.