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Introduced by M. of A. BENEDETTO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prohibiting children thirteen years old and younger from heading while participating in organized soccer

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Article 25 of the public health law is amended by adding a new title 7 to read as follows:

TITLE VII

YOUTH SPORTS

SECTION 2595. PROHIBITION OF HEADING IN SOCCER.

S 2595. PROHIBITION OF HEADING IN SOCCER. 1. (A) NO CHILD THIRTEEN YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER SHALL ENGAGE IN HEADING WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIZED SOCCER; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING WITHIN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT CHILDREN THIRTEEN YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER FROM PLAYING, PRACTICING, OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ANY FORM OF SOCCER WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE HEADING.

(B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ORGANIZED SOCCER" SHALL INCLUDE ANY PRACTICE, GAME OR OTHER ACTIVITY WHICH INVOLVES ENGAGING IN SOCCER AND WHICH IS ORGANIZED BY A SCHOOL, ADULT, OR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LEAGUE OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCCER.

2. ANY SCHOOL, ADULT, OR LEAGUE OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCCER, WHO ALLOWS CHILDREN THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER TO ENGAGE IN HEADING WHILE PLAYING, PRACTICING, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGING IN SOCCER SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE TWO OF ARTICLE ONE OF THIS CHAPTER.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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