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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 chil-
dren ten years old and younger from playing tackle football

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

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

3 TITLE VII

4 YOUTH SPORTS

5 SECTION 2595. PROHIBITION OF TACKLE FOOTBALL.

6 S 2595. PROHIBITION OF TACKLE FOOTBALL. 1. (A) NO CHILD TEN YEARS OLD
7 OR YOUNGER SHALL PLAY, PRACTICE, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN ORGANIZED TACKLE
8 FOOTBALL; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING WITHIN THIS SECTION SHALL
9 PROHIBIT CHILDREN TEN YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER FROM PLAYING, PRACTICING, OR
10 OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ANY FORM OF FOOTBALL WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE
11 TACKLING.

12 (B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ORGANIZED TACKLE FOOTBALL"
13 SHALL INCLUDE ANY PRACTICE, GAME OR OTHER ACTIVITY WHICH INVOLVES ENGAG-
14 ING IN TACKLE FOOTBALL AND WHICH IS ORGANIZED BY A SCHOOL, ADULT, OR
15 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LEAGUE OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW CHIL-
16 DREN TO PARTICIPATE IN CONTACT FOOTBALL.

17 2. ANY SCHOOL, ADULT, OR LEAGUE OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO
18 ALLOW CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN FOOTBALL, WHO ALLOWS CHILDREN TEN YEARS
19 OF AGE OR YOUNGER TO PLAY, PRACTICE, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN TACKLE FOOT-
20 BALL SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE
21 TWO OF ARTICLE ONE OF THIS CHAPTER.

22 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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