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Introduced by M. of A. BENEDETTO, GALEF, JAFFEE, ABINANTI, ROSENTHAL -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prohibiting children thirteen years old and younger from playing tackle football

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 TACKLE FOOTBALL.

S 2595. PROHIBITION OF TACKLE FOOTBALL. 1. (A) NO CHILD THIRTEEN YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER SHALL PLAY, PRACTICE, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN ORGANIZED TACKLE FOOTBALL; 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 FOOTBALL WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE TACKLING.

(B) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ORGANIZED TACKLE FOOTBALL" SHALL INCLUDE ANY PRACTICE, GAME OR OTHER ACTIVITY WHICH INVOLVES ENGAGING IN TACKLE FOOTBALL 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 CONTACT FOOTBALL.

2. ANY SCHOOL, ADULT, OR LEAGUE OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN FOOTBALL, WHO ALLOWS CHILDREN THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER TO PLAY, PRACTICE, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN TACKLE FOOTBALL 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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