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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring children  
to wear helmets with chin straps while batting and running bases and  
prohibiting children thirteen years old and younger from head first  
sliding while participating in organized baseball

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. YOUTH BASEBALL.

6        S 2595. YOUTH BASEBALL. 1. (A) ANY CHILD PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIZED  
7     BASEBALL SHALL WEAR A HELMET WITH A CHIN STRAP WHILE BATTING AND RUNNING  
8     THE BASES WHILE ENGAGING IN SUCH ORGANIZED BASEBALL.

9        (B) NO CHILD THIRTEEN YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER SHALL ENGAGE IN HEAD FIRST  
10    SLIDING WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIZED BASEBALL; PROVIDED HOWEVER,  
11    THAT NOTHING WITHIN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT CHILDREN THIRTEEN YEARS  
12    OLD AND YOUNGER FROM PLAYING, PRACTICING, OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN  
13    ANY FORM OF BASEBALL WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE HEAD FIRST SLIDING.

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

19        2. ANY SCHOOL, ADULT, OR LEAGUE OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO  
20    ALLOW CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN BASEBALL WHO ALLOWS CHILDREN TO BAT AND  
21    RUN THE BASES WITHOUT WEARING A HELMET WITH A CHIN STRAP OR WHO ALLOWS  
22    CHILDREN THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER TO ENGAGE IN HEAD FIRST SLID-  
23    ING WHILE PLAYING, PRACTICING, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGING IN BASEBALL SHALL  
24    BE LIABLE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE TWO OF ARTI-  
25    CLE ONE OF THIS CHAPTER.

26        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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