S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

8572

I N A S S E M B L Y

January 23, 2014

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 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 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. YOUTH BASEBALL.

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

(B) NO CHILD THIRTEEN YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER SHALL ENGAGE IN HEAD FIRST SLIDING WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIZED BASEBALL; 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 BASEBALL WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE HEAD FIRST SLIDING.

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

2. ANY SCHOOL, ADULT, OR LEAGUE OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN BASEBALL WHO ALLOWS CHILDREN TO BAT AND RUN THE BASES WITHOUT WEARING A HELMET WITH A CHIN STRAP OR WHO ALLOWS CHILDREN THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER TO ENGAGE IN HEAD FIRST SLIDING WHILE PLAYING, PRACTICING, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGING IN BASEBALL 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.

LBD08054-02-4