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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 body checking while participating in organized ice hockey

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 BODY CHECKING IN ICE HOCKEY.

S 2595. PROHIBITION OF BODY CHECKING IN ICE HOCKEY. 1. (A) NO CHILD THIRTEEN YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER SHALL ENGAGE IN BODY CHECKING WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIZED ICE HOCKEY; 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 ICE HOCKEY WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE BODY CHECKING.

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

2. ANY SCHOOL, ADULT, OR LEAGUE OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN ICE HOCKEY, WHO ALLOWS CHILDREN THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER TO ENGAGE IN BODY CHECKING WHILE PLAYING, PRACTICING, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGING IN ICE HOCKEY 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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