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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 requiring information on concussions to be provided to all parents of children playing tackle football

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, 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. FOOTBALL PROGRAMS; INFORMATION ON CONCUSSIONS.

6     S 2595. FOOTBALL PROGRAMS; INFORMATION ON CONCUSSIONS. 1. ALL TACKLE  
7     FOOTBALL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE AN INFORMATIONAL PACKET  
8     ABOUT CONCUSSIONS AND SUB-CONCUSSIVE BLOWS, AND THE INJURIES THAT MIGHT  
9     OCCUR AS A RESULT OF RECEIVING SUCH BLOWS, TO THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS  
10    OF ALL CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN SUCH TACKLE FOOTBALL PROGRAM. THE  
11    INFORMATIONAL PACKET SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL BE  
12    AVAILABLE TO BE DOWNLOADED FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

13    2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TACKLE FOOTBALL PROGRAM" SHALL  
14    INCLUDE ANY PRACTICE, GAME OR OTHER ACTIVITY WHICH INVOLVES ENGAGING IN  
15    TACKLE FOOTBALL AND WHICH IS ORGANIZED BY A SCHOOL, ADULT, OR PUBLIC OR  
16    PRIVATE LEAGUE OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO  
17    PARTICIPATE IN CONTACT FOOTBALL.

18    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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