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Introduced by Sen. LATIMER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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:

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. FOOTBALL PROGRAMS; INFORMATION ON CONCUSSIONS.

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

2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TACKLE FOOTBALL PROGRAM" 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.

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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