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Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prohibiting chil-
dren thirteen years old and younger from body checking while partic-
ipating in organized ice hockey

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. PROHIBITION OF BODY CHECKING IN ICE HOCKEY.

6 S 2595. PROHIBITION OF BODY CHECKING IN ICE HOCKEY. 1. (A) NO CHILD
7 THIRTEEN YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER SHALL ENGAGE IN BODY CHECKING WHILE
8 PARTICIPATING IN ORGANIZED ICE HOCKEY; PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING
9 WITHIN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT CHILDREN THIRTEEN YEARS OLD AND YOUN-
10 GER FROM PLAYING, PRACTICING, OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN ANY FORM OF
11 ICE HOCKEY WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE BODY CHECKING.

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

17 2. ANY SCHOOL, ADULT, OR LEAGUE OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO
18 ALLOW CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN ICE HOCKEY, WHO ALLOWS CHILDREN THIR-
19 TEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER TO ENGAGE IN BODY CHECKING WHILE PLAYING,
20 PRACTICING, OR OTHERWISE ENGAGING IN ICE HOCKEY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR A
21 CIVIL PENALTY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE TWO OF ARTICLE ONE OF THIS
22 CHAPTER.

23 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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