

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 8, 2018

Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to safety standards at baseball stadiums

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section
2 399-k to read as follows:

3 § 399-k. Safety standards; baseball stadium netting. 1. Definitions.
4 As used in this section:

5 (a) "Baseball stadium" means those places of public assembly with an
6 occupancy capacity of at least five thousand persons, in which baseball
7 games are played and seating or standing room is assigned by issuance of
8 tickets purchased by spectators.

9 (b) "Protective netting" means an open-meshed material made by knot-
10 ting together wire, rope, thread, or any other material used to protect
11 spectators at baseball games from errant baseballs.

12 2. The department of state, in consultation with the office of parks,
13 recreation and historic preservation, shall promulgate rules and regu-
14 lations establishing safety standards to extend protective netting from
15 the area behind home plate to the foul poles at either end of both foul
16 lines, during baseball games played in all baseball stadiums in the
17 state.

18 3. Posting of notices. (a) There shall be posted in a conspicuous
19 place and manner in all baseball stadiums notices warning spectators
20 about the danger of baseballs landing in the seating area. Placement
21 locations, sizes and styles of said notices shall be determined by the
22 department of state in consultation with the office of parks, recreation
23 and historic preservation but shall be no smaller than eight inches by
24 ten inches and shall be posted in such a manner that it cannot be readi-
25 ly removed.

26 (b) All baseball stadium website seating charts and online ticketing
27 outlets that sell spectator tickets for baseball games shall provide
28 information about which seats are behind protective netting.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
2 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
3 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
4 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
5 completed on or before such effective date.