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Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH, FINCH, KOLB, THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the general obligations law, in relation to immunity from civil liability of persons assisting in sports programs of non-profit-making organizations

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

1 Section 1. Article 3 of the general obligations law is amended by
2 adding a new title 7 to read as follows:

TITLE 7

CIVIL IMMUNITY OF PERSONS ASSISTING IN

SPORTS PROGRAMS OF NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANIZATIONS

Section 3-701. Definitions.

3-702. Civil immunity of persons assisting in sports programs of non-profit-making organizations.

9 § 3-701. Definitions. As used or referred to in this title, unless a
10 different meaning clearly appears from the context, the following terms
11 shall have the following meanings:

12 1. "Compensation" means the earnings of a person for labor or
13 services, but shall not include reimbursement for reasonable expenses
14 actually incurred or to be incurred.

15 2. "Non-profit-making organization" means a corporation, or unincorpo-
16 rated association, organized and operated exclusively for religious,
17 charitable or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which
18 inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

19 3. "Sports program" means baseball, softball, football, basketball,
20 soccer and any other competitive sport formally recognized as a sport of
21 the Amateur Athletic Union or the National Collegiate Athletic Associ-
22 ation. The term shall be limited to a program which is operated primari-
23 ly for the recreational and athletic benefit of persons under eighteen
24 years of age.

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

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1 § 3-702. Civil immunity of persons assisting in sports programs of
2 non-profit-making organizations. Notwithstanding any inconsistent
3 provision of any general, special, or local law, any person who volun-
4 tarily and without compensation renders services as a manager, coach,
5 umpire or referee or as an assistant to a manager or coach in a sports
6 program of a non-profit-making organization, or any officer or employee
7 of such organization, conducting a sports program, shall not be liable
8 to any person for civil damages as a result of any acts or omissions in
9 rendering such services or in conducting such sports program unless it
10 is established that such act or omission constituted gross negligence or
11 willful misconduct on the part of any such person.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
13 have become a law.