STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 6, 2021

Introduced by Sen. RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to permitting the employment of minors as referees, umpires or officials at youth sporting events

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

Section 1. Section 2 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subdivision 19 to read as follows:

19. "Youth sporting event" means organized participation in a competitive physical activity aimed at using, maintaining or improving physical ability and skills of minors.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 130 of the labor law is amended by adding a new paragraph i to read as follows:

i. A minor twelve or thirteen years of age as a referee, umpire or official at a youth sporting event for minors predominately ten years of age or less when attendance upon instruction is not required by the education law, provided the employing organization receives and maintains both the written consent of the minor's parent or guardian and a certificate which shall be provided to the employing organization at the end of each marking period by the minor's school which shall assert that such minor is in satisfactory academic standing according to the standards in such school district. A minor eligible to work pursuant to this paragraph shall only serve as a referee, umpire or official at most one youth sporting event per week.

§ 3. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 131 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 7 to read as follows:

(7) Service as a referee, umpire or official at a youth sporting event for minors predominately twelve years of age or less.

§ 4. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 132 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 7 to read as follows:

(7) Service as a referee, umpire or official at a youth sporting event for minors predominately fifteen years of age or less.

§ 5. 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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