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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring first aid training by youth league coaches

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2596 to read as follows:

§ 2596. First aid instruction; youth leagues. 1. For the purposes of this section:

(a) "youth league" means youth recreation sports leagues other than school leagues, including little leagues, community based organization leagues, and unaffiliated leagues; and

(b) "youth recreation" means athletic activity with participants who are all seventeen years old or younger and shall include grade school through high school athletic programs regardless of the age of the participants.

2. On and after the effective date of this section, to coach in any youth league, it shall be required of such coaches, except as provided in subdivision three or four of this section, to complete a training in first aid knowledge and skills approved by the commissioner. Any such course of study or equivalent requirements shall include instruction in recognizing signs and symptoms of cardiac arrest and sudden cardiac arrest and the administration of adult and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Prior to the start of each sports season, coaches shall provide valid evidence to their youth league that their first aid and adult and child cardiopulmonary resuscitation knowledge and skills are current pursuant to the requirements approved by the commissioner.

3. Except as provided in subdivision four of this section, persons who have been coaches of youth league sports on the effective date of this section who have not completed a training in first aid knowledge and

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

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skills pursuant to subdivision two of this section, or met equivalent requirements as approved by the commissioner, may continue to coach such sports, provided, however, that such coaches do complete such a training as soon as practicable after the effective date of this section but not later than twelve months thereafter, provided, however, that the commissioner shall have the authority to establish by rule or regulation an additional time schedule for compliance with this section.

4. A person who is unable to complete a training in first aid knowledge and skills pursuant to subdivision two of this section, or has not met equivalent requirements as approved by the commissioner, due to a physical disability may coach any youth league sport if there is another person has completed a training pursuant to subdivision two of this section and is present with such person who is unable to complete such a training at all times during the youth league sports including but not limited to practices, scrimmages and during competition.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.