

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES -- read once and referred 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:

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

3 19. "Youth sporting event" means organized participation in a competi-
4 tive physical activity aimed at using, maintaining or improving phys-
5 ical ability and skills of minors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 § 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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