STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to restricting youth sports operators and youth sports facilities from prohibiting parents and guardians from taking in-person recordings or photographs of their children

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

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new article 41-A to read as follows:

ARTICLE 41-A
YOUTH SPORTS

Section 1050. Definitions.
1051. Youth sports in-person recording and photography restrictions.

§ 1050. Definitions. As used in this article:

1. "Youth sports facility" means any indoor or outdoor venue in the state of New York that hosts athletic events involving participants under the age of eighteen;

2. "Youth sports operator" means any entity that organizes, manages, or runs a youth sports event at a youth sports facility; and

3. "In-person recording or photography" means video or still photography captured by a parent or guardian from a physical location inside the youth sports facility using personal devices. "In-person recording or photography" shall not include livestreaming, broadcasting, or professional-grade filming.

§ 1051. Youth sports in-person recording and photography restrictions. 1. Youth sports facilities and youth sports operators shall not:

(a) prohibit or restrict a parent or guardian from taking in-person video recordings or photographs of their own child;

(b) establish any requirement that a parent or guardian purchase video services or photography, subscriptions, or other forms of access as a condition of taking their own in-person recordings or photographs;

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

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(c) condition a child's participation, or a parent's admission or continued presence at a youth sports event on waiving the ability to take in-person recordings or photographs; or

(d) confiscate, disable, or otherwise restrict a parent's personal device used for in-person recording or photography.

2. Youth sports facilities and youth sports operators may impose reasonable, content-neutral, narrowly tailored restrictions on in-person recording or photography. Such restrictions shall only be imposed for: safety, preventing interference with play or obstruction of sightlines; compliance with court orders or statutory privacy protections; or restricting access to areas where spectators are not ordinarily allowed. Such restrictions shall be written, posted, and applied uniformly.

3. Youth sports facilities and youth sports operators shall post a brief notice informing parents and guardians of their right to take in-person recordings and photographs, subject to the limited safety-based restrictions of this article. Such notice shall also appear in registration materials or codes of conduct.

4. Any contract, waiver, registration form, membership agreement, league rule, or facility policy that restricts or waives the ability of a parent or guardian to take in-person video recordings or photographs of their own child shall be void and unenforceable as against public policy.

5. Youth sports facilities and youth sports operators may offer photography or video services for sale but shall be prohibited from using such services to limit, restrict, or interfere with a parent or guardian's right to take in-person recordings or photographs of their own child.

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