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Senator Carroll

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 13; RELATING TO YOUTH SPORTS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding
3 chapter 13, to read:

4 CHAPTER 13
5 YOUTH SPORTS

6 ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

7 5-1501. Definitions

8 IN THIS CHAPTER, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 1. "CONSUMER" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING IN OR INTENDING TO
10 PARTICIPATE IN A YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY AND THE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS
11 OF YOUTH CONSUMERS.

12 2. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL
13 INSTITUTIONS.

14 3. "YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY" MEANS ANY ORGANIZED SPORTS ACTIVITY
15 CONDUCTED BY A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION THAT INVOLVES THE COLLECTION OF FEES
16 AND THE ORGANIZATION OF LEAGUES, GAMES, MATCHES OR OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUTH
17 CONSUMERS.

18 4. "YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION" MEANS ANY PRIVATE ENTITY OR
19 ORGANIZATION THAT ORGANIZES YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES, LEAGUES OR OTHER
20 EVENTS.

21 5-1502. Enforcement; registration; civil penalties
22 collection; grievance process

23 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO
24 IMPLEMENT, OVERSEE AND ENFORCE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER.

25 B. CIVIL PENALTIES ISSUED FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE
26 COLLECTED AND HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT.

27 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A GRIEVANCE PROCESS THAT ALLOWS
28 CONSUMERS TO REPORT NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER.

29 D. A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT ANY ORDINANCE OR RULE
30 THAT SUPERSEDES THIS CHAPTER.

31 5-1503. Youth sports organization registration; event
32 licensing requirement; fees; civil penalty

33 A. ANY YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION THAT ORGANIZES YOUTH SPORTS
34 ACTIVITIES IN THIS STATE SHALL REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT. THE
35 REGISTRATION SHALL BE RENEWED EVERY TWO YEARS.

36 B. ALL YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS SHALL OBTAIN AN EVENT LICENSE
37 ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR ANY YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY HELD IN THIS
38 STATE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE MULTI-YEAR EVENT LICENSES TO A YOUTH
39 SPORTS ORGANIZATION FOR A DISCOUNTED FEE.

40 C. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH YOUTH
41 SPORTS ORGANIZATION AND A LICENSE FEE FOR EACH YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY.

42 D. ANY YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION THAT FAILS TO REGISTER WITH THE
43 DEPARTMENT OR TO OBTAIN A LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A
44 CIVIL PENALTY OF \$10,000 PER VIOLATION.

1 5-1504. Participant registration; fees; penalties

2 A. A CONSUMER PARTICIPATING IN A YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED
3 TO REGISTER WITH THE YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION THAT IS ORGANIZING THE
4 YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY. THE YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION SHALL ISSUE THE
5 CONSUMER PARTICIPATING IN THE YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY A PARTICIPANT
6 IDENTIFICATION THAT SPECIFIES THE AGE OF THE CONSUMER.

7 B. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH A REGISTRATION FEE FOR BOTH
8 IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE CONSUMERS PARTICIPATING IN A YOUTH SPORTS
9 ACTIVITY.

10 C. IF A PLANNED YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY DOES NOT TAKE PLACE OTHER
11 THAN FOR REASONS OF CANCELLATION DUE TO WEATHER, THE YOUTH SPORTS
12 ORGANIZATION IS REQUIRED TO REFUND A MINIMUM OF EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE
13 REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY.

14 5-1505. Safety requirements; civil penalty; definition

15 A. A YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION THAT IS CONDUCTING A YOUTH SPORTS
16 ACTIVITY SHALL HAVE AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN ON-SITE AT THE
17 YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY. THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN SHALL BE
18 EQUIPPED WITH AT MINIMUM AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.

19 B. THE YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION SHALL PROVIDE ONE EMERGENCY
20 MEDICAL CARE TECHNICIAN FOR EVERY FIVE HUNDRED CONSUMERS PARTICIPATING IN
21 A YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY.

22 C. IF A YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION IS CONDUCTING A YOUTH SPORTS
23 ACTIVITY ON THE PROPERTY OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL AND THE YOUTH SPORTS
24 ORGANIZATION VIOLATES ANY OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE SCHOOL
25 MAY NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ANY CIVIL PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED
26 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AS A RESULT OF THE VIOLATION.

27 D. A YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE
28 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$5,000 PER
29 VIOLATION.

30 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE
31 TECHNICIAN" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 41-1831.

32 5-1506. Coaching; background checks

33 A. A YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION THAT IS CONDUCTING A YOUTH SPORTS
34 ACTIVITY SHALL PERFORM A BACKGROUND CHECK, INCLUDING A FINGERPRINT CHECK,
35 ON ALL COACHES PARTICIPATING IN THE YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITY.

36 B. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE THE LICENSE AND REGISTRATION OF ANY
37 YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION THAT FAILS TO PERFORM A BACKGROUND CHECK AS
38 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

39 Sec. 2. Short title

40 This act may be cited as the "Youth Sports, Safety, Integrity and
41 Consumer Protections act".