

# Local Law Filing

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of Erie

AUG 01 2016

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2016

A local law Preventing Head Trauma from Concussions in Youth Sports  
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Legislative Body)

County  City  Town  Village  
(Select one)  
of Erie County Legislature

as follows:

## Section 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

Contact and collision sports such as football, hockey, and soccer have been an integral part of youth development in our community but there is growing evidence that concussions cause negative long-term health consequences. The intent of this legislation is to ensure that all minors playing organized contact or collision youth sports in Erie County are properly supervised and that those who have been entrusted with the safety of minors are sufficiently trained in identifying concussion related symptoms.

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## Section 2: DEFINITIONS

- a) Organized youth sport is defined as sport that is formally governed by an institution or organization.
- b) Contact youth sport is defined as a sport in which the participants necessarily come into bodily contact with one another.
- c) Collision youth sport is defined as a sport where athletes purposely hit or collide with each other or inanimate objects, including the ground, with great force.
- d) Supervisor of minors playing contact youth sports hereby referred to as "supervisor" is defined as any coach, referee or official who acts in a supervisory governing capacity on the field of play.
- e) Short Notice is defined as within 2 weeks.

## Section 3: REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPERVISORS

- a) Any supervisor of minors playing organized contact or collision sports shall take a course in concussion safety.
- b) Any organization facilitating organized contact or collision youth sports shall maintain a record that shows that those who supervise minors playing organized contact or collision youth sports within their organization have taken a course in concussion safety.
- c) If a new supervisor is needed on short notice, the interim supervisor shall have no more than 2 weeks from the beginning of their duties to take a course in concussion safety.

## Section 4: CONCUSSION SAFETY COURSES

- a) The Erie County Department of Health shall facilitate no less than 4 concussion safety courses per year. The content of this course shall be determined by the Commissioner of Health. The course shall be free of charge.
- b) Acceptable alternatives to the County concussion safety course are the Center for Disease Control's HEADS UP to Youth Sports: Online Training or the NFHS Concussion in Sports Course or any concussion protocol training determined by the Erie County Department of Health to be equal to or greater than the Center for Disease Control's HEADS UP to Youth Sports Course.

## Section 5: ENFORCEMENT

- a) The County Health Department will have the power to enforce this law.
- b) The County Health Department shall notify to the best of their abilities all known youth sports organizations that participate in contact or collision sports that a concussion safety course is required for all supervisors of contact or collision youth sports.

c) Any organization facilitating contact or collision youth sports that cannot or will not produce records showing their supervisors have completed one of the defined courses on concussion safety upon request from the County Health Department shall be issued a \$100 fine, subsequent violations within a calendar year shall result in a \$200 fine.

**Section 6: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This local law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**Section 7: SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof, to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional such order of judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstances directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**SPONSOR:** Legislator Patrick B. Burke  
Legislator Joseph C. Lorigo

**REFERENCE LOACL LAW INTRO. 2-4 (2016)**

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable (Name of Legislative Body) provisions of law.

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 3 of 20 16 of the (County) \_\_\_\_\_ of Erie \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the Erie County Legislature \_\_\_\_\_ on June 23 20 16, and was (approved)(not approved) (Name of Legislative Body) (repassed after disapproval) by the Erie County Executive (Elective Chief Executive Officer\*) and was deemed duly adopted on July 22 20 16, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) (Name of Legislative Body) (repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. (Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

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\* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (38)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 2 above.

*Karen M. McCarthy*

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

Date:

7/27/16

(Seal)

A Public Hearing was held on the foregoing Local Law Intro. No. 2-4 2016 on July 12, 2016 due notice thereof having been published in the official newspapers of the County of Erie designated for this purpose, and after due deliberation thereon, I, MARK C. POLONCARZ, County Executive of Erie County, do hereby APPROVE and SIGN said Local Law this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2016.



Mark C. Poloncarz

A Public Hearing was held on the foregoing Local Law Intro. No. 2-4 2016 on July 12, 2016 due notice thereof having been published in the official newspapers of the County of Erie designated for this purpose, and after due deliberation thereon, I, MARK C. POLONCARZ, County Executive of Erie County, do hereby DISAPPROVE and VETO said Local Law this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 2016.

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Mark C. Poloncarz