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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for manager,
3 coach, umpire or referee and nonprofit association good
4 Samaritan civil immunity in the conduct of certain sports
5 programs.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 8332.1. Manager, coach, umpire or referee and nonprofit
11 association good Samaritan civil immunity.

12 (a) General rule.--Except as provided otherwise in this
13 section, no person who, without compensation and as a volunteer,
14 renders services as a manager, coach, umpire or referee or as an
15 assistant to a manager or coach in a sports program of a
16 nonprofit association, and no nonprofit association, or any
17 officer or employee thereof, conducting a sports program, shall
18 be liable to any person for any civil damages as a result of any

1 acts or omissions in rendering such services or in conducting
2 such sports program. The immunity conferred by this section
3 shall not apply to any acts or omissions intentionally designed
4 to harm or to any grossly negligent acts or omissions which
5 result in harm to the person.

6 (b) Exception.--Nothing in this section shall be construed
7 as affecting or modifying any existing legal basis for
8 determining the liability, or any defense thereto, of any person
9 not covered by the immunity conferred by this section.

10 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section the following
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
12 subsection:

13 "Compensation." The term shall not include reimbursement for
14 reasonable expenses actually incurred or to be incurred.

15 "Nonprofit association." An entity which is organized as a
16 nonprofit corporation or nonprofit unincorporated association
17 under the laws of this Commonwealth or the United States or any
18 entity which is authorized to do business in this Commonwealth
19 as a nonprofit corporation or unincorporated association under
20 the laws of this Commonwealth, including, but not limited to,
21 youth or athletic associations, volunteer fire, ambulance,
22 religious, charitable, fraternal, veterans, civic, county fair
23 or agricultural associations, or any separately chartered
24 auxiliary of the foregoing, if organized and operated on a
25 nonprofit basis.

26 "Sports program." Baseball (including softball), football,
27 basketball, soccer and any other competitive sport formally
28 recognized as a sport of the Amateur Athletic Union or the
29 National Collegiate Athletic Association. The term shall be
30 limited to a program which is operated primarily for the

1 recreational and athletic benefit of persons under 18 years of
2 age.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.