

1 **PROTECTION OF ATHLETES WITH HEAD INJURIES ACT**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2013 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies Title 26, Chapter 53, Protection of Athletes with Head Injuries Act,
11 by amending definitions.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ amends definitions; and
- 15 ▶ makes technical changes.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **26-53-102**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 97

24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25 Section 1. Section **26-53-102** is amended to read:

26 **26-53-102. Definitions.**

27 As used in this chapter:

28 (1) "Agent" means a coach, teacher, employee, representative, or volunteer.

29 (2) (a) "Amateur sports organization" means, except as provided in Subsection (2)(b):

- 30 (i) a sports team;
- 31 (ii) a public or private school;
- 32 (iii) a public or private sports league;
- 33 (iv) a public or private sports camp; or
- 34 (v) any other public or private organization that organizes, [~~operates,~~] manages, or
- 35 sponsors a sporting event for its members, enrollees, or attendees.
- 36 (b) "Amateur sports organization" does not include a professional:
- 37 (i) team;
- 38 (ii) league; or
- 39 (iii) sporting event.
- 40 (3) "Child" means an individual who is under the age of 18.
- 41 (4) "Qualified health care provider" means a health care provider who:
- 42 (a) is licensed under Title 58, Occupations and Professions; and
- 43 (b) may evaluate and manage a concussion within the health care provider's scope of
- 44 practice.
- 45 (5) (a) "Sporting event" means any of the following athletic activities that is organized,
- 46 [~~operated,~~] managed, or sponsored by an organization:
- 47 (i) a game;
- 48 (ii) a practice;
- 49 (iii) a sports camp;
- 50 (iv) a physical education class;
- 51 (v) a competition; or
- 52 (vi) a tryout.
- 53 (b) "Sporting event" does not include:
- 54 (i) the issuance of a lift ticket or pass by a ski resort, the use of the ticket or pass, or a
- 55 ski or snowboarding class or school at a ski resort, unless the skiing or snowboarding is part of
- 56 a camp, team, or competition that is organized, managed, or sponsored by the ski resort[-];
- 57 (ii) as applied to a government entity, merely making available a field, facility, or other

58 location owned, leased, or controlled by the government entity to an amateur sports
59 organization or a child, regardless of whether the government entity charges a fee for the use;
60 or

61 (iii) free play or recess taking place during school hours.

62 (6) "Traumatic head injury" means an injury to the head arising from blunt trauma, an
63 acceleration force, or a deceleration force, with one of the following observed or self-reported
64 conditions attributable to the injury:

- 65 (a) transient confusion, disorientation, or impaired consciousness;
- 66 (b) dysfunction of memory;
- 67 (c) loss of consciousness; or
- 68 (d) signs of other neurological or neuropsychological dysfunction, including:
 - 69 (i) seizures;
 - 70 (ii) irritability;
 - 71 (iii) lethargy;
 - 72 (iv) vomiting;
 - 73 (v) headache;
 - 74 (vi) dizziness; or
 - 75 (vii) fatigue.