

HOUSE BILL 1424

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Regulation of Youth Sports – Ice Hockey Clubs – Noncontact League**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain youth ice hockey clubs to offer, under certain
4 circumstances, certain noncontact ice hockey leagues; requiring a youth ice hockey
5 club to advertise certain noncontact ice hockey leagues in a certain manner;
6 requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to suspend certain games,
7 leagues, or tournaments of an ice hockey club that does not comply with certain
8 requirements; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a
9 certain term; and generally relating to the regulation of certain youth sports.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 24–1701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Regulation of Youth
13 Sports”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2015 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 **SUBTITLE 17. REGULATION OF YOUTH SPORTS.**

20 **24–1701.**

21 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “YOUTH ICE HOCKEY CLUB” MEANS A GROUP THAT**
22 **ORGANIZES ICE HOCKEY GAMES, LEAGUES, OR TOURNAMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS**
23 **UNDER THE AGE OF 18.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) A YOUTH ICE HOCKEY CLUB SHALL OFFER AT LEAST ONE**
2 **NONCONTACT ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE AT EACH AGE GROUP OR SKILL LEVEL FOR EACH**
3 **FULL–CONTACT ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE THAT THE YOUTH ICE HOCKEY CLUB OFFERS**
4 **AT THAT AGE GROUP OR SKILL LEVEL.**

5 **(2) A YOUTH ICE HOCKEY CLUB SHALL ADVERTISE A NONCONTACT**
6 **ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE YOUTH ICE HOCKEY CLUB**
7 **ADVERTISES A FULL–CONTACT ICE HOCKEY LEAGUE.**

8 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THE SUSPENSION OF ALL ICE**
9 **HOCKEY GAMES, LEAGUES, OR TOURNAMENTS OF A YOUTH ICE HOCKEY CLUB THAT**
10 **IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

11 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**
12 **SECTION.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2016.