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30 31 32 SENATE BILL NO. 1093

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A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 32.1 a chapter numbered 17, consisting of sections numbered 32.1-370 through 32.1-373, relating to the Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act.

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 32.1 a chapter numbered 17, consisting of sections numbered 32.1-370 through 32.1-373, as follows:

CHAPTER 17.

MOVABLE SOCCER GOAL SAFETY ACT.

§ 32.1-370. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Movable soccer goal" means a freestanding structure consisting of at least two upright posts, a crossbar, and support bars that is designed to be (i) used by adults or children for the purposes of a soccer goal; (ii) used without any other form of support or restraint, other than pegs, stakes, augers, counter-weights, or other types of temporary anchoring devices; and (iii) able to be moved to different locations.

§ 32.1-371. Soccer goal safety regulations.

The Board shall promulgate regulations establishing safety standards for anchoring, securing, and counter-weighting movable soccer goals. Such regulations shall be consistent with the Guidelines for Movable Soccer Goal Safety published by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

§ 32.1-372. Tip-resistant movable soccer goals required.

A. Beginning July 1, 2016, no commercial dealer, manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer may manufacture, re-manufacture, retrofit, distribute, or sell at wholesale or retail in the Commonwealth a movable soccer goal that is not tip-resistant.

B. For purposes of this chapter, a movable soccer goal with inside measurements of 6.5 to eight feet high and 18 to 24 feet wide does not qualify as tip-resistant unless it conforms to the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) standard F2673-08 for tip-resistant movable soccer goals.