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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 179

Offered February 28, 2014

Recognizing the Consumer Product Safety Commission's "Guidelines for Movable Soccer Goal Safety" as the standard for use by public and private soccer programs in the Commonwealth to promote and protect the safety of players.

Patron—Vogel

Unanimous consent to introduce

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, during the 2013 Session, the General Assembly approved Senate Bill 933, which included a requirement that the Department of Conservation and Recreation convene a stakeholder work group to examine the safety issues associated with movable soccer goals; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Conservation and Recreation convened a stakeholder work group that included representatives of the Departments of Education and Health, the Virginia Recreation and Park Society, youth and adult soccer associations, referees associations, professional soccer associations, YMCAs, and the Virginia Retail Merchants Association; and

WHEREAS, the work group reviewed practices in other states as well as current safety practices followed by soccer programs sponsored by schools, public parks and recreation programs, and private soccer associations in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the work group determined that the Consumer Product Safety Commission's publication "Guidelines for Movable Soccer Goal Safety" (CPSC Document #326) is the most cited guidance document on the topic and is generally accepted nationally as the primary source for proper installation, anchoring, safe usage, and safe storage of movable soccer goals; and

WHEREAS, the work group further determined that although injuries, sometimes serious, have occurred during the past 20 years, considerable improvement in the safety of movable soccer goals has occurred in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the work group has concluded that additional education for those responsible for soccer programs will enhance player safety; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly recognize the Consumer Product Safety Commission's publication "Guidelines for Movable Soccer Goal Safety" (CPSC Document #326) and any subsequent revisions that may be published as the standard that should be used by all public and private soccer programs in the Commonwealth to promote and protect the safety of players; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit a copy of this resolution to the Department of Conservation and Recreation in order that the members of the stakeholder work group established pursuant to Senate Bill 933 (2013) may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter during their deliberations and requesting the stakeholder work group organizations further disseminate copies of this resolution to their respective constituents in order to promote the safety of all soccer players.

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