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An Act to provide for safety measures respecting movable soccer goals

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Private Member's Bill

1st Reading April 17, 2023

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill enacts *Garrett's Legacy Act (Requirements for Movable Soccer Goals), 2023*.

The Act establishes requirements for organizations and entities respecting the safe usage of movable soccer goals that they make available for use by members of the public. The Act provides for inspections and requires the Minister to establish a mechanism to report complaints of alleged non-compliance with the Act.

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His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

“Minister” means the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport or such other member of the Executive Council to whom administration of this Act is assigned under the *Executive Council Act*; (“ministre”)

“movable soccer goal” means a freestanding structure that consists of at least two upright posts, a cross-bar and support bars and that,

- (a) is designed to be,
 - (i) used as a soccer goal, and
 - (ii) movable to different locations, and
- (b) meets the prescribed criteria, if any; (“but de soccer mobile”)

“prescribed” means prescribed by the regulations; (“prescrit”)

“regulations” means the regulations made under this Act. (“règlements”)

Requirements for movable soccer goals

2 Any organization or entity that makes a movable soccer goal available for use by members of the public shall,

- (a) ensure that the goal,
 - (i) is located on a level surface,
 - (ii) is securely anchored in accordance with the regulations, and
 - (iii) meets any prescribed requirements; and
- (b) meets any educational, training or other requirements that may be prescribed.

Inspectors

3 The Minister may appoint inspectors who may perform inspections, in accordance with the regulations, for the purposes of determining compliance with this Act.

Complaints

4 The Minister shall establish a mechanism by which members of the public may complain about alleged contraventions of section 2.

Offence

5 Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with this Act or any prescribed provision of the regulations is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable,

- (a) for a first offence, to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500; and
- (b) for each subsequent offence, to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$5,000.

Regulations

6 The Minister may make regulations,

- (a) governing inspections, including the powers and duties of inspectors appointed under section 3;
- (b) prescribing requirements for locating, securing and maintaining movable soccer goals, including requirements with respect to posting signs and affixing stickers;

- (c) prescribing and governing any matter that this Act describes as being prescribed or done in accordance with the regulations;
- (d) respecting any matter necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act.

Crown bound

7 This Act binds the Crown.

Commencement

8 This Act comes into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

Short title

9 The short title of this Act is *Garrett's Legacy Act (Requirements for Movable Soccer Goals), 2023*.