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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting the use of non-wood bats.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of legislative findings and intent. The Council hereby finds that the use of non-wood bats poses an unacceptable risk of injury to children, particularly those who play competitive high school baseball.

§2. Title 10 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 10-165 to read as follows:

§10-165 Prohibition of use of non-wood bats. a. Definitions. When used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. “Competitive baseball game” shall mean any organized baseball game at which a certified umpire officiates and which takes place in the city of New York.

2. “High school age children” shall mean persons older than thirteen years of age, but younger than eighteen years of age.

3. “School” shall mean any public or private school which includes any grade nine through twelve and which is located in the city of New York.

4. “Wood bat” shall mean any baseball bat constructed exclusively of wood or any wood laminated or

wood composite bat, which is approved by major league baseball, pursuant to such organization's official rules, for major league or minor league baseball play; provided that such term shall not include any bat made in whole or in part of metal, including, but not limited to, aluminum, magnesium, scandium, titanium or any other alloy compound.

b. Only wood bats shall be used in any competitive baseball game in which high school age children are participants and which involves the participation and/or sponsorship of a school.

§3. This local law shall take effect on September 1, 2007.

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