

No-alcohol seating bill introduced

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Majority members in both houses have introduced legislation re-authorizing no-alcohol seating in ballparks.

The bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Richard L. Brodsky, D-White Plains, and Sen. Nicholas A. Spano, RC-Yonkers, would prevent a July 31 expiration of the 1988 law.

"Children should be able to watch the national pastime without fear of the violence, abusive language, and threatening atmosphere that have come with alcohol abuse at so many sporting events," said Brodsky.

The law, the first of its kind in the country, requires six percent of seats in major sports stadiums be reserved as no-alcohol areas.

The law also requires that 15 percent of the seats be set aside as non-vending areas where alcohol can still be consumed, but not sold.

Seating requirements can be reduced upon demonstration of insufficient demand for the no-alcohol areas, and if the organization implements an alcohol-reduction program.
