

Bill No. SB 1306

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The Committee on Commerce and Consumer Services (Saunders)
recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (7) and (9) of section
288.1162, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

288.1162 Professional sports franchises; spring
training franchises; duties.--

(7) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
Development shall notify the Department of Revenue of any
facility certified as a facility for a new professional sports
franchise or a facility for a retained professional sports
franchise or as a facility for a retained spring training
franchise. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
Development shall certify no more than nine ~~eight~~ facilities
as facilities for a new professional sports franchise or as
facilities for a retained professional sports franchise and
shall certify at least five as facilities for retained spring

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1 training franchises, including in such total any facilities
 2 certified by the Department of Commerce before July 1, 1996.
 3 The office may make no more than one certification for any
 4 facility. The office may not certify funding for less than the
 5 requested amount to any applicant certified as a facility for
 6 a retained spring training franchise.

7 (9)(a) An applicant is not qualified for certification
 8 under this section if the franchise formed the basis for a
 9 previous certification, unless:

10 1. The previous certification was withdrawn by the
 11 facility or invalidated by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and
 12 Economic Development or the Department of Commerce before any
 13 funds were distributed pursuant to s. 212.20; ~~or-~~

14 2. The previous certification was for an applicant
 15 that served as the home facility for two professional sports
 16 franchises and the franchise was used as a basis for the
 17 certification of a new applicant. Notwithstanding any other
 18 provision of this section, the franchise continuing to use the
 19 original applicant shall be deemed the franchise forming the
 20 basis of the previous certification and the previous
 21 certification shall continue to apply for the time period
 22 permitted from the original date of certification.

23 (b) This subsection does not disqualify an applicant
 24 if the previous certification occurred between May 23, 1993,
 25 and May 25, 1993; however, any funds to be distributed
 26 pursuant to s. 212.20 for the second certification shall be
 27 offset by the amount distributed to the previous certified
 28 facility. Distribution of funds for the second certification
 29 shall not be made until all amounts payable for the first
 30 certification have been distributed.

31 (c) Payments to a certified applicant may not extend

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1 beyond the period for which the original certification was
2 issued.

3 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
4 an applicant that is certified after the effective date of
5 this act pursuant to section 228.1162, Florida Statutes, by
6 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as a
7 facility for a new professional sports franchise or a facility
8 for a retained professional sports franchise may not receive
9 disbursements pursuant to section 212.20(6)(d)7.b., Florida
10 Statutes, until July 1, 2006.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
12 law.

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16 And the title is amended as follows:

17 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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19 and insert:

20 A bill to be entitled
21 An act relating to professional sports
22 franchises; amending s. 288.1162, F.S.;
23 increasing the number of facilities certified
24 by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
25 Development as facilities for a new
26 professional sports franchise or as facilities
27 for a retained professional sports franchise;
28 providing an additional exception to
29 disqualification for certification of an
30 applicant when the franchise formed the basis
31 of a previous certification; providing that

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1 payments to a certified applicant may not
2 extend beyond the period for which the original
3 certification was issued; specifying the date
4 on which an applicant certified after the
5 effective date of the act may receive
6 disbursements; providing an effective date.

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