

1 Development shall certify no more than nine ~~eight~~ facilities
2 as facilities for a new professional sports franchise or as
3 facilities for a retained professional sports franchise and
4 shall certify at least five as facilities for retained spring
5 training franchises, including in such total any facilities
6 certified by the Department of Commerce before July 1, 1996.
7 The office may make no more than one certification for any
8 facility. The office may not certify funding for less than
9 the requested amount to any applicant certified as a facility
10 for a retained spring training franchise.

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

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 The previous certification was withdrawn by the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

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

27 (b) This subsection does not disqualify an applicant
28 if the previous certification occurred between May 23, 1993,
29 and May 25, 1993; however, any funds to be distributed
30 pursuant to s. 212.20 for the second certification shall be
31 offset by the amount distributed to the previous certified

1 facility. Distribution of funds for the second certification
2 shall not be made until all amounts payable for the first
3 certification have been distributed.

4 (c) Payments to a certified applicant may not extend
5 beyond the period for which the original certification was
6 issued.

7 Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
8 an applicant that is certified after the effective date of
9 this act pursuant to section 288.1162, Florida Statutes, by
10 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as a
11 facility for a new professional sports franchise or a facility
12 for a retained professional sports franchise may not receive
13 disbursements pursuant to section 212.20(6)(d)7.b., Florida
14 Statutes, until July 1, 2006.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
16 law.

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18 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
20 Senate Bill 1306

21 The committee substitute differs from the bill in that it:

- 22 - Increases from eight to nine, the number of facilities
23 for new or retained professional sports franchises that
24 the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development
25 can certify.
26 - Provides that, if previously certified, a professional
27 sports franchise can not be granted an additional
28 facility certification, unless the certified facility was
29 the home of two professional sports franchises. The
30 franchise continuing to use the facility will be
31 considered the franchise forming the basis of the
previous certification, and the previous certification
will apply for the time period permitted from the
original date of certification.
- Provides that facilities for new or retained professional
sports franchises that are certified after the effective
date of this committee substitute may not receive sales
tax distributions until July 1, 2006.