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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Representative Simmons offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 416 and 417 insert:

5 Section 3. Subsection (7) of section 288.1162, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 288.1162 Professional sports franchises; spring training
8 franchises; duties.--

9 (7)(a) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
10 Development shall notify the Department of Revenue of any
11 facility certified as a facility for a new professional sports
12 franchise or a facility for a retained professional sports
13 franchise or as a facility for a retained spring training
14 franchise. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
15 Development shall certify no more than eight facilities as

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16 facilities for a new professional sports franchise or as
 17 facilities for a retained professional sports franchise and
 18 shall certify at least five as facilities for retained spring
 19 training franchises, including in such total any facilities
 20 certified by the Department of Commerce before July 1, 1996. The
 21 office may make no more than one certification for any facility.
 22 The office may not certify funding for less than the requested
 23 amount to any applicant certified as a facility for a retained
 24 spring training franchise.

25 (b) Certification of an applicant under this section for
 26 the eighth certification for a facility for a new professional
 27 sports franchise or for a facility for a retained professional
 28 sports franchise shall be for an applicant for which the
 29 franchise that serves as the basis of the certification is a
 30 member of the National Basketball Association, has been located
 31 within the state since 1987, and has not been previously
 32 certified. This paragraph shall be repealed on July 1, 2010.

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 34 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

35 Remove line 28 and insert:
 36 severability; amending s. 288.1162, F.S.; specifying
 37 criteria for certification for remaining available
 38 certification slot for professional sports franchises;
 39 providing an effective date.

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