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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to professional sports franchises; amending s. 288.1162, F.S.; providing additional requirements with respect to certification as a facility for a new professional sports franchise or a facility for a retained professional sports franchise; providing for repeal of the requirements by a specified date; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 288.1162, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(7)(a) 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 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 training franchises, including in such total any facilities certified by the Department of Commerce before July 1, 1996. The office may make no more than one certification for any facility. The office may not certify funding for less than the

1 requested amount to any applicant certified as a facility for  
2 a retained spring training franchise.

3 (b) The eighth certification of an applicant under  
4 this section as a facility for a new professional sports  
5 franchise or a facility for a retained professional sports  
6 franchise shall be for a franchise that is a member of the  
7 National Basketball Association, has been located within the  
8 state since 1987, and has not been previously certified. This  
9 paragraph is repealed July 1, 2010.

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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