

Bill No. HB 615

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Senators Garcia, Villalobos, and Diaz de la Portilla moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Lines 16 through 38, delete those lines

and insert:

(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 training franchises~~, including in such total any facilities certified by the Department of Commerce before July 1, 1996. The number of certifications of facilities for retained spring training franchises shall be pursuant to subsection (5). The

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1 office may make no more than one certification for any  
2 facility. The office may not certify funding for less than the  
3 requested amount to any applicant certified as a facility for  
4 a retained spring training franchise.

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

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 The previous certification was withdrawn by the  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

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

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

29 (c) Payments to a certified applicant may not extend  
30 beyond the period for which the original certification was  
31 issued.

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1           Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
2 an applicant that is certified after the effective date of  
3 this act pursuant to s. 288.1162, Florida Statutes, by the  
4 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development as a  
5 facility for a new professional sports franchise or a facility  
6 for a retained professional sports franchise may not receive  
7 disbursements pursuant to s. 212.20(6)(d)7.b., Florida  
8 Statutes, until July 1, 2008.

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10 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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14 And the title is amended as follows:

15           Lines 3 through 7, delete those lines

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17 and insert:

18           amending s. 288.1162, F.S.; clarifying the  
19           number of certifications of facilities for  
20           retained spring training franchises; increasing  
21           the number of facilities certified by the  
22           Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
23           Development as facilities for a new  
24           professional sports franchise or as facilities  
25           for a retained professional sports franchise;  
26           providing an additional exception to  
27           disqualification for certification of an  
28           applicant when the franchise formed the basis  
29           of a previous certification; providing that  
30           payments to a certified applicant may not  
31           extend beyond the period for which the original

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1 certification was issued; specifying the date  
2 on which an applicant certified after the  
3 effective date of the act may receive  
4 disbursements; providing  
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