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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to professional sports franchises;
3 amending s. 288.1162, F.S.; providing additional
4 requirements with respect to certification as a facility
5 for a new professional sports franchise or a facility for
6 a retained professional sports franchise; providing for
7 repeal of the requirements by a specified date; providing
8 an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 288.1162, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 288.1162 Professional sports franchises; spring training
15 franchises; duties.--

16 (7) (a) The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
17 Development shall notify the Department of Revenue of any
18 facility certified as a facility for a new professional sports
19 franchise or a facility for a retained professional sports
20 franchise or as a facility for a retained spring training
21 franchise. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
22 Development shall certify no more than eight facilities as
23 facilities for a new professional sports franchise or as
24 facilities for a retained professional sports franchise and
25 shall certify at least five as facilities for retained spring
26 training franchises, including in such total any facilities
27 certified by the Department of Commerce before July 1, 1996. The
28 office may make no more than one certification for any facility.

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29 The office may not certify funding for less than the requested
30 amount to any applicant certified as a facility for a retained
31 spring training franchise.

32 (b) The eighth certification of an applicant under this
33 section as a facility for a new professional sports franchise or
34 a facility for a retained professional sports franchise shall be
35 for a franchise that is a member of the National Basketball
36 Association, has been located within the state since 1987, and
37 has not been previously certified. This paragraph is repealed
38 July 1, 2010.

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