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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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4/10/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Transportation and Economic Development
2 Appropriations (Fasano) recommended the following **amendment:**

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between lines 79 and 80,
6 insert:

7 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of section
8 288.1162, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 288.1162 Professional sports franchises; spring training
10 franchises; duties.--

11 (5)

12 (d) Funds may not be expended to subsidize privately owned
13 and maintained facilities for use by the spring training
14 franchise. Funds may be used to relocate a retained spring
15 training franchise to another unit of local government upon
16 approval of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic
17 Development. The office shall establish criteria for use of the



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18 funds to relocate a retained spring training franchise consistent
19 with the requirements of this section only if the existing unit
20 of local government with the retained spring training franchise
21 agrees to the relocation. A spring training franchise that is
22 eligible for a sales tax refund pursuant to s. 212.20 and that
23 relocates from one community in this state to another community
24 may not receive more than 90 percent of the refund. The office
25 may adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to
26 administer this section.

27 Section 3. On or before December 31, 2008, the Office of
28 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall develop a
29 comprehensive strategic plan, including the use of financial
30 resources, for the purpose of retaining the tradition of spring
31 training in Florida. Such plan shall identify the financial
32 impact spring training has on this state and identify efforts
33 made by other states to organize spring training efforts and the
34 effects of those efforts on Florida's relationship with
35 professional baseball.

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38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 On line 17, after the first semicolon,
40 insert:

41 amending s. 288.1162, F.S.; authorizing the use of certain
42 funds to relocate a retained spring training franchise to
43 another unit of local government upon approval of the
44 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development;
45 requiring that the office establish criteria for the use
46 of such funds; limiting the amount of a certain sales tax
47 refund that may be received by a spring training franchise



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48 | relocating from one community in Florida to another;
49 | authorizing the office to adopt rules; requiring that the
50 | office develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the
51 | purpose of retaining the tradition of spring training in
52 | Florida; requiring that such plan identify certain
53 | information;