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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to sports franchise facilities;
3 creating s. 288.11633, F.S.; prohibiting a sports
4 franchise from constructing, reconstructing,
5 renovating, or improving a facility on leased public
6 land; requiring that a lease of a facility on public
7 land by a sports franchise or a sale of public land
8 for a sports franchise facility be at fair market
9 value; providing requirements for a contract to fund
10 the construction, reconstruction, renovation, or
11 improvement of such a facility; defining the terms
12 "facility" and "sports franchise"; specifying that the
13 act does not impair contracts entered into before July
14 1, 2018; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Section 288.11633, Florida Statutes, is created
19 to read:

20 288.11633 Sports franchise facilities; lease or sale of
21 public land.-

22 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

23 (a) A sports franchise may not construct, reconstruct,
24 renovate, or improve a facility on public land leased from the
25 state or a political subdivision thereof.

26 (b) A lease of a facility on public land by the state or a
27 political subdivision thereof to a sports franchise must be at
28 fair market value.

29 (c) A sale of public land by the state or a political

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30 subdivision thereof for a sports franchise to construct,
31 reconstruct, renovate, or improve a facility on such land must
32 be at fair market value.

33 (2) A contract or agreement, or a renewal of or an
34 amendment to an existing contract or agreement, entered into on
35 or after July 1, 2018 between the state or a political
36 subdivision and a sports franchise to fund the construction,
37 reconstruction, renovation, or improvement of a facility must
38 include a provision that requires the sports franchise to pay
39 any outstanding debt incurred by the state or political
40 subdivision to fund such construction, reconstruction,
41 renovation, or improvement if the sports franchise permanently
42 discontinues use of the facility.

43 (3) For purposes of this section, the term:

44 (a) "Facility" means a structure, and its adjoining parcels
45 of land, primarily used to host games or events held by a sports
46 franchise.

47 (b) "Sports franchise" means a professional or
48 semiprofessional sports franchise, including, but not limited
49 to, a franchise of the National Football League, the National
50 Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, the National
51 League or American League of Major League Baseball, Minor League
52 Baseball, Major League Soccer, the North American Soccer League,
53 or the promoter of a signature event sanctioned by the National
54 Association for Stock Car Auto Racing.

55 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair
56 any contract entered into before July 1, 2018, without the
57 consent of the parties to the contract.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.