

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to agreements with professional sports
 3 teams; creating s. 286.31, F.S.; providing
 4 definitions; prohibiting a governmental entity from
 5 entering into certain agreements with a professional
 6 sports team unless the agreement includes certain
 7 provisions; requiring a governmental entity that
 8 enters into such an agreement to strictly adhere to
 9 certain provisions; providing that the attorney
 10 general may intervene to enforce certain provisions in
 11 certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 286.31, Florida Statutes, is created to
 16 read:

17 286.31 Agreements with professional sports teams.-

18 (1) DEFINITIONS.-

19 (a) "Professional sports team" means:

20 1. A team organized in this state that is a member of the
 21 National League or the American League of Major League Baseball,
 22 the National Basketball Association, the National Football
 23 League, the National Hockey League, Major League Soccer, the
 24 American Hockey League, the East Coast Hockey League, the
 25 American Association of Independent Professional Baseball, the

26 Atlantic League of Professional Baseball, Minor League Baseball,
 27 the National Basketball Association Development League, the
 28 National Women's Soccer League, the Major Arena Soccer League,
 29 the United Soccer League, or the Women's National Basketball
 30 Association;

31 2. A person hosting a motorsports racing team event
 32 sanctioned by the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing
 33 (NASCAR), INDYCAR, or another nationally recognized motorsports
 34 racing association at a venue in this state with a permanent
 35 seating capacity of at least 75,000; or

36 3. An organization hosting a Professional Golf Association
 37 event.

38 (b) "Sporting event" means any preseason, regular season,
 39 or postseason game of a professional sports team.

40 (2) PROVISIONS REQUIRED IN CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.—Beginning
 41 July 1, 2022, a governmental entity may not enter into an
 42 agreement with a professional sports team that requires a
 43 financial commitment by the state or a governmental entity
 44 unless the agreement includes:

45 (a) A written verification that the professional sports
 46 team will play the United States national anthem at the
 47 beginning of each team sporting event held at the team's home
 48 venue or other facility controlled by the team for the event.

49 (b) A provision providing that any failure to comply with
 50 the written verification required by paragraph (a):

- 51 1. Constitutes a default of the agreement.
- 52 2. Immediately subjects the team to any penalty the
53 agreement authorizes for default, which may include requiring
54 the team to repay any money paid to the team by the state or any
55 governmental entity or classifying the team as ineligible to
56 receive further money under the agreement.
- 57 3. May subject the team to a prohibition on contracting
58 with the state.
- 59 (3) STRICT ADHERENCE TO DEFAULT PROVISION.—
- 60 (a) A governmental entity that enters into an agreement
61 with a professional sports team shall strictly enforce the
62 provision required under subparagraph (2)(b).
- 63 (b) If a governmental entity fails to timely enforce the
64 provision required under subparagraph (2)(b), the attorney
65 general may intervene to enforce the provision.
- 66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.