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Senator Rogers

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 12; RELATING TO SPORTING EVENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding
3 chapter 12, to read:

4 CHAPTER 12

5 PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENTS

6 ARTICLE 1. General Provisions

7 5-1401. Professional sports teams; sporting events; written
8 agreements; national anthem; penalties; definitions

9 A. A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MAY NOT ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A
10 PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM THAT REQUIRES A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT BY ANY
11 GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY UNLESS THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

12 1. A WRITTEN VERIFICATION THAT THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM WILL
13 PLAY THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL ANTHEM AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SPORTING
14 EVENT HELD AT THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM'S HOME VENUE OR OTHER FACILITY
15 CONTROLLED BY THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM FOR THE SPORTING EVENT.

16 2. A PENALTY IF THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM VIOLATES THE
17 REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE
18 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (a) REPAYMENT OF ANY MONIES PAID TO THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM BY
20 A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

21 (b) INELIGIBILITY OF THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM TO RECEIVE
22 FURTHER MONIES PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT.

23 (c) INELIGIBILITY OF THE PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM FOR FUTURE
24 CONTRACTING WITH A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

25 (d) ANY OTHER PENALTY AUTHORIZED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.

26 B. A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A
27 PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM SHALL STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE PROVISIONS REQUIRED
28 PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT AND THIS SECTION.

29 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

30 1. "GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY" MEANS A CITY, TOWN, COUNTY OR SPECIAL
31 TAXING DISTRICT.

32 2. "PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM" MEANS:

33 (a) A TEAM ORGANIZED IN THIS STATE THAT IS A MEMBER OF A MAJOR
34 BASEBALL LEAGUE, NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE,
35 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, MAJOR SOCCER LEAGUE OR WOMEN'S NATIONAL
36 BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION.

37 (b) A PERSON OR ORGANIZATION THAT HOSTS A MOTORSPORTS RACING TEAM
38 EVENT SANCTIONED BY A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STOCK CAR AUTO RACING, AN
39 INDYCAR SERIES OR ANY OTHER NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MOTORSPORTS RACING
40 ASSOCIATION AT A VENUE IN THIS STATE.

41 (c) AN ORGANIZATION THAT HOSTS A PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION
42 EVENT.

43 3. "SPORTING EVENT" MEANS:

44 (a) ANY PRESEASON, REGULAR SEASON OR POSTSEASON GAME OF A
45 PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM.

46 (b) A MOTORSPORTS RACING EVENT.

47 (c) A PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION EVENT.