

Sub. H. B. No. 96

As Passed by the Senate

_____ moved to amend as follows:

After line 1879, insert:

"~~Sec. 9.67. No~~ (A) Subject to division (B) of this section, no owner of a professional sports team that uses a tax-supported facility for most of its home games and receives financial assistance from the state or a political subdivision thereof shall cease playing most of its home games at the tax-supported facility and begin playing most of its home games ~~elsewhere~~ at a facility located outside of the state unless the owner ~~either~~ does one of the following:

~~(A)~~ (1) Enters into an agreement with the political subdivision permitting the team to play most of its home games ~~elsewhere~~ at a facility located outside of the state;

~~(B)~~ (2) Gives the political subdivision in which the tax-supported facility is located not less than six months' advance written notice of the owner's intention to cease playing most of its home games at the tax-supported facility and, during the six months after such notice, gives the political subdivision or any individual or group of individuals who reside in the area the opportunity to purchase the team.

(B)(1) Any lease, operating agreement, management 20
agreement, non-relocation agreement, or other similar agreement 21
entered into with the political subdivision before, on, or after 22
the effective date of this amendment that expressly obligates 23
the professional sports team to play all or most of the 24
professional sports team's regular season home games at the tax- 25
supported facility for the term of the lease or agreement, or 26
for a shorter period of time as set forth in the lease or 27
agreement, is, upon the expiration of the term of the lease or 28
agreement, or shorter period of time as set forth in the lease 29
or agreement, as applicable, deemed an agreement with the 30
political subdivision permitting the team to play most of its 31
home games at a different facility in satisfaction of division 32
(A)(1) of this section. 33

(2) Notwithstanding the expiration of the term of the 34
lease or agreement, or a shorter period of time as set forth in 35
the lease or agreement, as applicable, any lease or agreement 36
described under division (B)(1) of this section is not deemed an 37
agreement with the political subdivision permitting the team to 38
play most of its home games at a different facility, in 39
satisfaction of division (A)(1) of this section, if the 40
different facility is located outside of the state." 41

Update the title, amend, enact, or repeal clauses accordingly 42

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS

Professional sports franchise moving facilities

R.C. 9.67	45
Requires a professional sports franchise owner desiring to	46
move to a new facility, in lieu of an agreement permitting the	47
owner to do so, to give six months' written notice to its host	48
political subdivision, rather than just notice.	49
Permits an owner of a professional sports team using a	50
tax-supported facility to move to a new facility if the new	51
facility is located within the state.	52
Maintains current law requirements for owners seeking to	53
move a team to a facility located outside of the state.	54
Deems any lease or similar agreement entered into with the	55
political subdivision (including agreements entered into before	56
the amendment's effective date), upon the expiration of the term	57
of the lease or agreement, an agreement permitting the team to	58
play most of its home games at a different facility, if the	59
different facility is located within the state, and the lease or	60
agreement expressly obligates the professional sports team to	61
play all or most of the professional sports team's regular	62
season home games at a tax-supported facility for the term of	63
the lease or agreement.	64

