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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to authorizing the local legislative body of a city having a population of one million or more the authority to grant an exemption for real property used for professional major league sports

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 429 of the real property tax law, as added by chap-
2 ter 459 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 429. Real property used for professional major league sports. Real
4 property within a city having a population of one million or more, used
5 by both a professional major league hockey team which is a member of the
6 National Hockey League and a professional major league basketball team
7 which is a member of the National Basketball Association to play their
8 home games [shall] MAY be exempt from taxation to the extent said taxes
9 are the obligation by lease or otherwise of the owners of franchises for
10 such teams, provided THAT THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF SUCH CITY ADOPTS A
11 LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR SUCH EXEMPTION AND that such owners enter into a
12 written agreement with the chief executive officer of the municipality
13 in which such property is located to play their home games within such
14 municipality for a period of at least ten consecutive years. The tax
15 exemption provided herein shall be granted to real property being used,
16 in whole or in part, for the aforesaid purposes on the date such agree-
17 ment is executed and shall apply to taxes which become due and payable
18 after the aforesaid agreement is executed and shall continue with
19 respect to such property as long as both of said teams play their home
20 games therein and no longer. Such exemption shall not apply with respect
21 to any improvement to such property made after the date such agreement
22 is executed which improvement is not used for the provision of facili-
23 ties or services related to sports, entertainment, expositions,
24 conventions or trade shows. If one or both of said teams shall cease to
25 play their home games in said property at any time, the tax exemption
26 provided herein shall cease immediately and such property shall imme-

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 diately be restored to the tax rolls and thereupon become subject to
2 taxation and shall be taxed pro rata for the unexpired portion of the
3 taxable year.
4 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
5 have become a law.