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Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities

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:

Section 1. Section 429 of the real property tax law, as added by chapter 459 of the laws of 1982, is amended to read as follows:

S 429. Real property used for professional major league sports. Real property within a city having a population of one million or more, used by both a professional major league hockey team which is a member of the National Hockey League and a professional major league basketball team which is a member of the National Basketball Association to play their home games [shall] MAY be exempt from taxation to the extent said taxes are the obligation by lease or otherwise of the owners of franchises for such teams, provided THAT THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF SUCH CITY ADOPTS A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR SUCH EXEMPTION AND that such owners enter into a written agreement with the chief executive officer of the municipality in which such property is located to play their home games within such municipality for a period of at least ten consecutive years. The tax exemption provided herein shall be granted to real property being used, in whole or in part, for the aforesaid purposes on the date such agreement is executed and shall apply to taxes which become due and payable after the aforestated agreement is executed and shall continue with respect to such property as long as both of said teams play their home games therein and no longer. Such exemption shall not apply with respect to any improvement to such property made after the date such agreement is executed which improvement is not used for the provision of facilities or services related to sports, entertainment, expositions, conventions or trade shows. If one or both of said teams shall cease to play their home games in said property at any time, the tax exemption 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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diately be restored to the tax rolls and thereupon become subject to taxation and shall be taxed pro rata for the unexpired portion of the taxable year.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.