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AN ACT in relation to broadcasting of professional sporting events of publicly funded stadiums

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

Section 1. Broadcasting of home games in publicly funded stadiums. a. If the broadcast of any home sporting event of a professional sports team or franchise whose home stadium is located in this state is blacked out for any reason, including under the blackout rules of the professional league to which such team or franchise is a member, the professional sports team or franchise shall be ineligible to receive any public funds from the state of New York in the next state fiscal year.

b. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(i) Any public funds already appropriated prior to the effective date of this section.

(ii) Any revenues from taxes to support a sports franchise, stadium, or sports complex if such tax levy is in effect on the effective date of this section; and

(iii) Any public funds appropriated or allocated which would constitute a breach of contract if such funds were not distributed in accordance with such contract.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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