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Introduced by M. of A. RAGA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, in relation to implementing a New York resident discount at major sporting events

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The arts and cultural affairs law is amended by adding a new section 25.14 to read as follows:

§ 25.14. Sports ticket pricing. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all professional sporting venues which receive public monies, or which were constructed using public monies, shall offer for events open for admission to the public a discount on general admission tickets to New York state residents in the amount of fifty per centum of the face-value of such ticket. Such venues may develop their own rules and regulations including, but not limited to, enforcement of residency requirements and the mode in which discounted tickets may be purchased.

2. (a) Any sporting venue which is not required to provide a discount pursuant to subdivision one of this section may and shall be encouraged to provide such or similar discount.

(b) Any sporting venue which is required to provide a discount pursuant to subdivision one of this section may provide a discount greater than what is required by subdivision one of this section. Such venues may also provide discounts on premium tickets, upgrades, add-ons, memberships, and other charges in addition to a general admission ticket.

3. In order to receive a discount pursuant to subdivision one of this section, a New York state drivers' license, learner permit, or non-driver identification card shall be proof of New York residence. In the case of minors, if such minor does not have an identification document, proof of residency by the parent or guardian of such minor shall be adequate proof of residence of such minor. Other government-issued iden-

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

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tification documents bearing a current New York state address, such as a United States passport or an IDNYC, shall also be adequate proof of residence. Venues may allow other forms of proof of residency, at their discretion.

4. No sporting venue shall raise the face value of tickets above fair market value or implement any surcharge in connection to any discount provided pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt any venue from the provisions of this article.

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