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AN ACT

1 Requiring publicly funded construction of sports facilities to
2 guarantee employment to public assistance recipients;
3 conferring powers and duties upon the Department of Labor and
4 Industry and the Department of Public Welfare; and imposing
5 penalties.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Short title.

9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Stadium
10 Employment Act.

11 Section 2. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
13 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 "Facility." A place:

16 (1) which is owned or leased by a sports organization;

17 and

18 (2) at which a professional sporting event is conducted
19 by a sports organization.

1 "Funding entity." The Commonwealth or a political
2 subdivision.

3 "Public funds." Money received from a funding entity.

4 "Sports organization." A sole proprietorship, partnership,
5 association or corporation that:

6 (1) owns a professional sports franchise; and

7 (2) exhibits events involving that professional sports
8 franchise at a facility.

9 Section 3. Public funds.

10 (a) Requirement.--Except as set forth in subsection (b), if
11 public funds are expended to construct or renovate a facility,
12 all of the following shall apply:

13 (1) At least 15% of the labor cost of the construction
14 or renovation shall be used to provide employment for
15 individuals who are eligible for assistance under section
16 432(3) of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as
17 the Public Welfare Code.

18 (2) At least 15% of the labor cost of the construction
19 or renovation shall be used to provide employment for
20 individuals who reside within ten miles of the facility.

21 (b) Exception.--

22 (1) If the person bearing the labor cost establishes to
23 the satisfaction of the Department of Public Welfare that
24 there is an insufficient number of qualified individuals
25 under subsection (a)(1) to meet the required percentage,
26 employment shall only be provided for the qualified
27 individuals.

28 (2) If the person bearing the labor cost establishes to
29 the satisfaction of the Department of Labor and Industry that
30 there is an insufficient number of qualified individuals

1 under subsection (a)(2) to meet the required percentage,
2 employment shall only be provided for the qualified
3 individuals.

4 (c) Remedy.--A person that, intentionally, recklessly or
5 negligently violates this section shall be subject to a civil
6 penalty in the amount of 16.5% of the labor cost of the
7 construction or renovation.

8 Section 4. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.