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INTRODUCED BY ROBINSON, CARN, PRESTON, JAMES, KIRKLAND, TRICH,
YOUNGBLOOD, PESCI AND MYERS, NOVEMBER 16, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, NOVEMBER 16, 1998

AN ACT

1 Regulating admission to publicly funded sports facilities;
2 conferring powers and duties on the Department of Community
3 and Economic Development; and imposing penalties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Fan Seating
8 Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

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

13 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic
14 Development of the Commonwealth.

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

by a sports organization.

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

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

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

(1) owns a professional sports franchise; and

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

Section 3. Seating.

(a) Requirement.--If public funds are expended to construct or renovate a facility, all of the following shall apply:

(1) At least 10% of the seating at the facility shall be reserved for sale at a price set by the department to facilitate enjoyment of the facility by individuals who reside in the municipality where the facility is located.

(2) The department shall ensure that the operation of the facility is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 104 Stat. 327).

(b) Penalty.--A sports organization that intentionally, recklessly or negligently violates subsection (a) shall be subject to an administrative penalty of not more than \$5,000.

This subsection is subject to 2 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 Subch. A (relating to practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies) and Ch. 7 Subch. A (relating to judicial review of Commonwealth agency action).

Section 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect January 1, 1999.