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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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03/06/2013	.	
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Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax (Margolis)
recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 59 - 92

and insert:

commissioners, or as otherwise provided in this paragraph,
in order to:

1. Pay the debt service on bonds issued to finance:

a. The construction, reconstruction, or renovation of a
facility that is ~~either~~ publicly owned and operated, or is
publicly owned and operated by the owner of a professional
sports franchise or other lessee with sufficient expertise or
financial capability to operate such facility, and to pay the



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13 planning and design costs incurred before ~~prior to~~ the issuance
14 of such bonds for a new professional sports franchise as defined
15 in s. 288.1162.

16 b. The acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or
17 renovation of a facility ~~either~~ publicly owned and operated, or
18 publicly owned and operated by the owner of a professional
19 sports franchise or other lessee with sufficient expertise or
20 financial capability to operate such facility, and to pay the
21 planning and design costs incurred before ~~prior to~~ the issuance
22 of such bonds for a retained spring training franchise.

23 2. Pay the debt service on bonds issued to finance the
24 renovation of a professional sports franchise facility that is
25 publicly owned or located on land that is publicly owned and
26 that is publicly operated or operated by the owner of a
27 professional sports franchise or other lessee who has sufficient
28 expertise or financial capability to operate the facility, and
29 to pay the planning and design costs incurred before the
30 issuance of such bonds for the renovated professional sports
31 facility. The cost to renovate the facility must be more than
32 \$300 million, including permitting, architectural, and
33 engineering fees, and at least a majority of the total
34 construction cost, exclusive of in-kind contributions, must be
35 paid for by the ownership group of the professional sports
36 franchise or other private sources. Tax revenues available to
37 pay debt service on bonds may be used to pay for operation and
38 maintenance costs of the facility. A county levying the tax for
39 the purposes specified in this subparagraph may do so only by a
40 majority-plus-one vote of the membership of the board of county
41 commissioners and after approval of the proposal by a majority



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42 vote of the electors voting in a referendum. Referendum approval
43 of the proposal may be in an election held before or after the
44 effective date of this act. The referendum ballot must include a
45 brief description of the proposal and the following question:

46 FOR the Proposal

47 AGAINST the Proposal

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49 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

50 And the title is amended as follows:

51 Delete line 16

52 and insert:

53 maintenance costs of the renovated facility; requiring
54 a majority-plus-one vote of the membership of the
55 board of county commissioners to levy a tax for
56 renovation of a sports franchise facility after
57 approval by a majority of the electors voting in a
58 referendum to approve the proposal; authorizing the
59 referendum to be held before or after the effective
60 date of this act; providing requirements for the
61 referendum ballot; providing