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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate House

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Representative Santiago offered the following:

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Amendment

Remove lines 337-397 and insert: title to all or a substantial portion of the underlying property on which the facility is located.

(c) "Beneficiary" means a professional sports franchise of the National Football League, the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, the National League or American League of Major League Baseball, Major League Soccer, or the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, or a nationally recognized professional sports association that occupies or uses a facility as the facility's primary tenant. A beneficiary may also be an applicant under this section.

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- (d) "Facility" means a facility primarily used to host games or events held by a beneficiary and does not include any portion used to provide transient lodging.
- (e) "Project" means a proposed construction, reconstruction, renovation, or improvement of a facility, or the proposed acquisition of land to construct a new facility.
- with significant export factor potential. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "export factor" means the attraction of economic activity or growth into the state which otherwise would not have occurred. Examples of signature events may include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. National Football League Super Bowls.
 - 2. Professional sports All-Star games.
 - 3. International sporting events and tournaments.
- 4. Professional automobile events of international prominence, such as the Daytona 500 or Formula 1 Grand Prix.
- 5. The establishment of a new professional sports franchise in this state.
- (g) "State sales taxes generated by sales at the facility" means state sales taxes imposed under chapter 212 generated by admissions to the facility or by sales made by vendors at the facility who are accessible to persons attending events occurring at the facility.
- (3) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to provide applicants state funding under s. 212.20(6)(d)6.e. for the public purpose of constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving a facility.

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- (4) APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.-
- (a) The department shall establish the procedures and application forms deemed necessary pursuant to the requirements of this section. The department may notify an applicant of any additional required or incomplete information necessary to evaluate an application.
- (b) The annual application period is from June 1 through November 1.
- (c) Within 60 days after receipt of a completed application, the department shall complete its evaluation of the application as provided under subsection (5) and notify the applicant in writing of the department's decision to recommend approval of the applicant by the Legislature or to deny the application.
- (d) Annually by February 1, the department shall rank the applicants and shall provide to the Legislature the list of the recommended applicants in ranked order of projects most likely to positively impact the state based on required criteria established in this section. The list must include the department's evaluation of the applicant.
- (e) A recommended applicant's request for funding must be approved by the Legislature by general law.
- 1. An application by a unit of local government or other entity defined as an applicant in paragraph (2)(a), which is