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H.B. No. 2779

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to municipal authority to impose taxes to repair, upgrade,
or demolish certain professional sports venues.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 334, Local Government
Code, is amended by adding Section 334.026 to read as follows:

Sec. 334.026. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE TAXES TO
IMPROVE OR DEMOLISH CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS VENUES. (a) This
section applies to a municipality that owns a professional sports
stadium and coliseum that was not constructed and financed as
provided by this chapter and that is, under agreements in effect on
the effective date of this section, occupied and used or planned for
use as the home field of a member team of a professional football
league for a period of less than 10 years.

(b) A municipality may, by ordinance and without holding an
election, designate the stadium and coliseum as an approved venue
project.

(c) A municipality that has designated the stadium and
coliseum as an approved venue project under Subsection (b) may
impose on the project an admissions tax as authorized by Subchapter
F and a parking tax as authorized by Subchapter G, except that an
election approving the taxes is not required. The proceeds of the
taxes may be used to pay for, or to secure bonds or other
obligations issued to pay for, the costs of repairing, upgrading,

1 improving, modifying, or demolishing the stadium or coliseum and
2 constructing and equipping a sports and community venue project
3 that is authorized by this chapter.

4 (d) A municipality that has designated the stadium and
5 coliseum as an approved venue project under Subsection (b) may
6 impose one or more of the taxes authorized by Subchapters D, E, H,
7 and I if the tax is approved at an election as required by those
8 subchapters. The municipality may use the proceeds of taxes
9 imposed under this subsection to pay for, or to secure bonds or
10 other obligations issued to pay for, the costs of repairing,
11 upgrading, improving, modifying, or demolishing the stadium or
12 coliseum, and constructing and equipping a sports and community
13 venue project that is authorized by this chapter.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.