

~~WHEREAS, The use of replacement players is likely to cost the local television and radio businesses significant losses in advertising and sponsorship revenues; and~~

WHEREAS, The use of replacement players may result in a long-term negative impact on attendance at major league professional baseball games played at the stadium; and

~~WHEREAS, The use of replacement players and the resulting decline in attendance at the stadium would cause the economy in Baltimore losses of well over \$100 million in 1995; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The stadium is critical to the economies of the Baltimore region and of the State as a whole; and~~

WHEREAS, The State has a compelling interest in protecting its substantial investment in the stadium; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Financial Institutions

13-723.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "CAMDEN YARDS" MEANS APPROXIMATELY 85 ACRES IN BALTIMORE CITY IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY CAMDEN STREET ON THE NORTH, RUSSELL STREET ON THE WEST, OSTEND STREET ON THE SOUTH, AND HOWARD STREET AND INTERSTATE 395 ON THE EAST.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL PROHIBIT A MAJOR LEAGUE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAM MAY NOT PLAY FROM PLAYING BASEBALL IN A STADIUM IN CAMDEN YARDS IF FEWER THAN 75% OF THE TEAM'S BASEBALL PLAYERS WERE BASEBALL PLAYERS ON A MAJOR LEAGUE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAM IN THE PRECEDING YEAR IF FEWER THAN 75% OF THE PLAYERS ON THE TEAM'S CURRENT 40-PLAYER MAJOR LEAGUE ROSTER WERE ON THE 40-PLAYER MAJOR LEAGUE ROSTER OF A PROFESSIONAL TEAM IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AT ANY TIME IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. At the end of March 31, 1996, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved March 27, 1995.