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Brief Description: Prohibiting professional football blackouts.

**HB 1740 - DIGEST**

Provides that any professional football team performing in a stadium constructed or operated under chapter 36.102 RCW, and any league, association, or conference affiliated with the team, shall not deny, based on attendance, local broadcast rights within seventy-five miles of the stadium for a live broadcast of any event held in the stadium.

Does not apply if, seventy-two hours before the event, the percentage of seats sold for the event is lower than the percentage of the total cost of the construction of the stadium paid with public funds.

Declares that this act is not intended to impair existing contract rights, but shall be applied to any extension or renegotiation of an existing contract and to any new contract between a professional football team performing in a stadium constructed or operated under this chapter, and any league, association, or conference or any local, regional, or national television broadcaster, cable network, or satellite carrier.

Provides that this act takes effect ninety days after certification by the secretary of state that substantively similar legislation has been enacted into law by at least four additional states of the United States.

Declares that if the secretary of state has not issued the certification required by this act by January 1, 2009, this act is null and void.