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H. R. 10286

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHOLTEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Consumer Afford-
5 ability and Pricing Concessions Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. RULES FOR COVERED STADIUMS.**

7 (a) RULES.—

8 (1) REQUIREMENTS.—A covered stadium
9 shall—

1 (A) for any commercial lease with respect
 2 to the covered stadium, to the extent possible,
 3 ensure that any contract for concessions serv-
 4 ices encourages a provider of concessions serv-
 5 ices to make available to small businesses con-
 6 cessions locations for lease or sublicense; and

7 (B) for any concessions sold or offered for
 8 sale at the covered stadium by an entity pursu-
 9 ant to a lease described in subparagraph (A),
 10 ensure the price of such concessions is not more
 11 than 7 percent higher than market rate.

12 (2) PROHIBITION.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—A covered stadium,
 14 with respect to a small business, may not
 15 charge a fee for the right to sell or offer for
 16 sale any concessions to a patron who attends an
 17 event at the covered stadium.

18 (B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
 19 subparagraph (A) may be construed to prohibit
 20 any agreement with respect to—

21 (i) the reimbursement of actual oper-
 22 ating costs, utility charges, or equipment
 23 purchases or improvements; or

24 (ii) a commercial lease.

25 (b) ENFORCEMENT.—

1 (1) UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRAC-
2 TICES.—A violation of subsection (a) shall be treated
3 as a violation of a regulation under section
4 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act
5 (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)) regarding unfair or decep-
6 tive acts or practices.

7 (2) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—The Com-
8 mission shall enforce subsection (a) in the same
9 manner, by the same means, and with the same ju-
10 risdiction, powers, and duties as though all applica-
11 ble terms and provisions of the Federal Trade Com-
12 mission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) were incor-
13 porated into and made a part of this section, and
14 any person who violates such subsection shall be
15 subject to the penalties and entitled to the privileges
16 and immunities provided in the Federal Trade Com-
17 mission Act.

18 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) COMMERCIAL LEASE.—The term “commer-
20 cial lease” means a lease, license, sublicense or other
21 agreement for the purpose of renting a space to sell
22 concessions.

23 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
24 means the Federal Trade Commission.

1 (3) CONCESSIONS.—The term “concessions”
2 has the same meaning given the term “food” in sec-
3 tion 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic
4 Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

5 (4) COVERED STADIUM.—The term “covered
6 stadium”—

7 (A) means a venue that—

8 (i) receives public funding; and

9 (ii) has a capacity of at least 10,000
10 seats; and

11 (B) does not include any venue at an insti-
12 tution of higher education (as defined in section
13 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
14 U.S.C. 1001)).

15 (5) MARKET RATE.—The term “market rate”,
16 with respect to a good or service sold or offered for
17 sale, means the price of a comparable good or serv-
18 ice sold or offered for sale in the nearest metropoli-
19 tan area (as determined by the Office of Manage-
20 ment and Budget).

21 (6) PUBLIC FUNDING.—The term “public fund-
22 ing” includes the following:

23 (A) A Federal grant.

24 (B) A Federal subsidy.

25 (C) A tax exemption.

1 (D) A tax abatement.

2 (E) A tax-exempt bond issuance.

3 (7) SMALL BUSINESS.—The term “small busi-
4 ness” has the meaning given the term “small busi-
5 ness concern” in section 3 of the Small Business Act
6 (15 U.S.C. 632).

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