105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1744

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 1997

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. NADLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 "Freedom of Movement

5 for Baseball Teams Act of 1997".

SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON ANTITRUST IMMUNITY APPLICABLE TO HOME LOCATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAMS.

An owner of all or part of a team of major league professional baseball players shall not be immune to liability under the antitrust laws for entering into, attempting to enter into, performing, or enforcing a contract that is made (or attempted to be made) by 2 or more owners of teams of major league professional baseball players (or 2 or more leagues composed of such teams) and that provides for 1 or more of such owners (or 1 or more of such leagues) to determine the location at which a team of major league professional baseball players plays its regular season home games.

SEC. 3. DEFINITION.

For purposes of this Act, the term "antitrust laws" has the meaning given it in subsection (a) of the first section of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12(a)), except that such term includes section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent such section applies to unfair methods of competition.

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