

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on an temporary basis, the Cable Television Communication Act of 1981 to require every cable operator in the District of Columbia to broadcast all Washington Nationals games.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Washington Nationals on T.V. Temporary Act of 2006”.

Sec. 2. The Cable Television Communication Act of 1981, effective August 21, 1982 (D.C. Law 4-142; D.C. Official Code § 34-1251.01 *et seq.*), is amended by adding a new section 503a to read as follows:

Note,
§ 34-1255.03

“Sec. 503a. Baseball programming.

“(a) The Council finds that it is in the public interest that all of the baseball games of Baseball Expos, LP, trading as the Washington Nationals, be broadcast.

“(b) The Council directs that each cable operator broadcast all of the baseball games of Baseball Expos, LP, trading as the Washington Nationals, or any assignee or successor (“Washington Nationals”).

“(c) If a cable operator is not broadcasting all of the baseball games of the Washington Nationals as of the effective date of this section, the cable operator shall enter into good faith negotiations with the District within 5 days to modify its franchise agreement to comply with subsection (b) of this section.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

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Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia