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# H. R. 749

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TORRES 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. FINDING.**

4 The Congress finds that the business of providing for  
5 profit public baseball games between teams of professional  
6 baseball players in a league and between such teams of  
7 rival leagues is in, or affects, interstate commerce.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF ANTITRUST LAWS TO PROFES-**  
2 **SIONAL BASEBALL.**

3 The antitrust laws shall apply to the business of pro-  
4 viding for profit public baseball games between teams of  
5 professional baseball players and to leagues composed of  
6 teams of professional baseball players.

7 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

8 For purposes of this Act, the term “antitrust laws”  
9 has the meaning given it in subsection (a) of the first sec-  
10 tion of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. 12(a)), except that  
11 such term includes section 5 of the Federal Trade Com-  
12 mission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent that such section  
13 5 relates to unfair methods of competition.

14 **SEC. 4. APPLICATION OF SECTION 2.**

15 Section 2 shall not apply with respect to conduct oc-  
16 ccurring before the date of the enactment of this Act.

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