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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 951 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY FOLMER, WHITE, RESCHENTHALER AND REGAN,  
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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth  
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for Commonwealth  
3 indebtedness.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of  
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 That section 7 of Article VIII be amended by adding a  
9 subsection to read:

10 § 7. Commonwealth indebtedness.

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12 (e) No debt shall be incurred by or on behalf of the  
13 Commonwealth or any municipality, and no public funds shall be  
14 used, to finance or aid in the financing of a sports facility to  
15 be used by a professional sports organization.

16 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General  
17 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the  
18 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to

1 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article  
2 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the  
3 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in  
4 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after  
5 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

6 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this  
7 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the  
8 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the  
9 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the  
10 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required  
11 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such  
12 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of  
13 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the  
14 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment  
15 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first  
16 primary, general or municipal election which meets the  
17 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article  
18 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least  
19 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is  
20 passed by the General Assembly.