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SUMMARY

- Require that the playing surface of a professional sporting stadium be comprised of not less than 90% natural grass.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Finding statement

The bill includes the following statement:

The General Assembly finds that safe working environments are an essential aspect of a thriving economy and provide citizens with employment opportunities that avail them and their families to be contributing and positive members of the community. Furthermore, the General Assembly finds that competitions that occur on natural grass surfaces result in fewer non-contact lower extremity injuries, and therefore, that natural grass provides the safest available work environment for athletes who compete on either natural grass, synthetic turf, or a blend.¹

Playing surface requirement

The bill requires that the playing surface of a professional sporting stadium be comprised of not less than 90% natural grass and maintained at industry standard levels for high performance field surfaces. For purposes of the bill, “professional sporting stadium” means any facility with a seating capacity of 10,000 or more that hosts a preseason, regular

¹ Section 2 of the bill.

season, or postseason sport or athletic event in which members of the National Football League, Major League Baseball, or Major League Soccer compete.²

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3775.17.