

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1549

To amend the Act of September 30, 1961, to exclude professional baseball from the antitrust exemption applicable to certain television contracts.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 1993

Mr. BILIRAKIS 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 “Baseball Antitrust  
5       Restoration Amendment of 1993”.

6       **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7       The Act of September 30, 1961 (15 U.S.C. 1291–  
8       1294) is amended—

9               (1) in the first section by striking “baseball,”  
10       each place it appears,

1           (2) in sections 4 and 6 by striking “baseball,”  
2           each place it appears, and

3           (3) by adding at the end the following:

4           “SEC. 7. The antitrust laws referred to in section 1  
5 shall apply with respect to joint agreements of the kind  
6 described in such section entered into by or among persons  
7 engaging in or conducting the organized professional team  
8 sport of baseball.”.

9   **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

10          (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-  
11 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this  
12 Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this  
13 Act.

14          (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—With respect  
15 to joint agreements entered into before the date of the  
16 enactment of this Act, the amendments made by section  
17 2 shall not apply until the expiration of the 1-year period  
18 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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