

## S 1748

### Furthering Access and Networks for Sports Act

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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors

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No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

## Committee Activity

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Sports and Recreation

## Related Bills

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No related bills are listed.

## **Furthering Access and Networks for Sports Act**

This bill makes the antitrust laws applicable to joint agreements among professional football, baseball, basketball, or hockey teams covering the telecasting of sports contests to the extent that a league of clubs does not (1) expressly prohibit sponsored telecast licensees and any video licensee from intentionally removing the live content of such league from a multichannel video programming distributor during, or related to a negotiation regarding, carriage of the league's games by such distributor; or (2) make a sponsored telecast of a game that is played in the home territory of a member club available to consumers over the internet in any territory in which the game is not available for private viewing through a local television broadcast station or a such a distributor.

The bill repeals the exception that allows the antitrust exemption for such a joint agreement that prohibits televising games within the home territory of a member club on a day when such club is playing at home.

### **Actions Timeline**

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