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H.B. No. 156

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the eligibility of certain events for funding under the  
3 Major Events Reimbursement Program.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 478.0001(3) and (7), Government Code,  
6 as amended by Chapters 10 (H.B. 1472), 102 (S.B. 1265), 605 (S.B.  
7 1155), and 915 (H.B. 3607), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular  
8 Session, 2021, are reenacted and amended to read as follows:

9 (3) "Event" means any of the following and includes  
10 any activity related to or associated with the following:

- 11 (A) the Academy of Country Music Awards;
- 12 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic  
13 Games;
- 14 (C) a Big 12 Football Conference Championship  
15 game;
- 16 (D) the Breeders' Cup World Championships;
- 17 (E) a game of the College Football Playoff or its  
18 successor;
- 19 (F) the Confederation of North, Central America  
20 and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) Gold Cup;
- 21 (G) [~~(F)~~] a CONVRG conference;
- 22 (H) [~~(G)~~] an Elite Rodeo Association World  
23 Championship;
- 24 (I) the [~~(H)~~-a] Formula One United States Grand

1 Prix [~~automobile race~~];

2                   (J) [~~(I)~~] the largest event held each year at a  
3 sports entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating  
4 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of at least  
5 125,000 on September 1, 2021;

6                   (K) [~~(J)~~] the Major League Baseball All-Star  
7 Game;

8                   (L) [~~(K)~~] the Major League Soccer All-Star Game  
9 or the Major League Soccer Cup;

10                   (M) [~~(L)~~] a mixed martial arts championship;

11                   (N) [~~(M)~~] the Moto Grand Prix of the United  
12 States;

13                   (O) [~~(N)~~] the National Association for Stock Car  
14 Auto Racing (NASCAR):

15                               (i) All-Star Race;

16                               (ii) season-ending Championship Race; or

17                               (iii) Texas Grand Prix race;

18                   (P) [~~(O)~~] the National Basketball Association  
19 All-Star Game;

20                   (Q) [~~(P)~~] a National Collegiate Athletic  
21 Association Final Four tournament game;

22                   (R) [~~(Q)~~] the National Collegiate Athletic  
23 Association men's or women's lacrosse championships;

24                   (S) [~~(R)~~] a national collegiate championship of  
25 an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the  
26 sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee;

27                   (T) [~~(S)~~] the National Cutting Horse Association

1 Triple Crown;  
2                   (U) [~~(T)~~] the National Hockey League All-Star  
3 Game;  
4                   (V) the National Hot Rod Association Fall  
5 Nationals at the Texas Motorplex;  
6                   (W) [~~(U)~~] a national political convention of the  
7 Republican National Committee or the Democratic National  
8 Committee;  
9                   (X) [~~(V)~~] a championship event in the National  
10 Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) Championship Series;  
11                   (Y) [~~(W)~~] an Olympic activity, including a  
12 Junior or Senior activity, training program, or feeder program  
13 sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee's Community  
14 Olympic Development Program;  
15                   (Z) [~~(X)~~] a presidential general election  
16 debate;  
17                   (AA) the Professional Bull Riders World Finals;  
18                   (BB) the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA)  
19 Championship;  
20                   (CC) [~~(Y)~~] the Professional Rodeo Cowboys  
21 Association National Finals Rodeo;  
22                   (DD) the Ryder Cup;  
23                   (EE) the Senior Professional Golfers'  
24 Association (PGA) Championship;  
25                   (FF) the South by Southwest Conference and  
26 Festivals;  
27                   (GG) [~~(Z)~~] a Super Bowl;

1                    (HH) [~~(AA)~~] the United States Open Championship;  
2                    (II) the Women's Professional Golfers'  
3 Association (PGA) Championship;  
4                    (JJ) [~~(BB)~~] a World Cup soccer game or the World  
5 Cup soccer tournament;  
6                    (KK) [~~(CC)~~] the World Games;  
7                    (LL) [~~(DD)~~] a World Wrestling Entertainment  
8 WrestleMania event; or  
9                    (MM) [~~(EE)~~] the X Games.  
10                    (7) "Site selection organization" means:  
11                    (A) the Academy of Country Music;  
12                    (B) the Amateur Athletic Union;  
13                    (C) the Big 12 Conference;  
14                    (D) the College Football Playoff Administration,  
15 LLC, or its successor;  
16                    (E) the Commission on Presidential Debates;  
17                    (F) the Confederation of North, Central America  
18 and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf);  
19                    (G) [~~(F)~~] the Democratic National Committee;  
20                    (H) [~~(G)~~] Dorna Sports;  
21                    (I) [~~(H)~~] the Elite Rodeo Association;  
22                    (J) [~~(I)~~] Encore Live;  
23                    (K) [~~(J)~~] ESPN or an affiliate;  
24                    (L) [~~(K)~~] the Federation Internationale de  
25 Football Association (FIFA);  
26                    (M) [~~(L)~~] the International World Games  
27 Association;

1                    (N) [~~(M)~~] Major League Baseball;

2                    (O) [~~(N)~~] Major League Soccer;

3                    (P) [~~(O)~~] the National Association for Stock Car

4 Auto Racing (NASCAR);

5                    (Q) [~~(P)~~] the National Basketball Association;

6                    (R) [~~(Q)~~] the National Collegiate Athletic

7 Association;

8                    (S) [~~(R)~~] the National Cutting Horse

9 Association;

10                   (T) [~~(S)~~] the National Football League;

11                   (U) [~~(T)~~] the National Hockey League;

12                   (V) the National Hot Rod Association;

13                   (W) [~~(U)~~] the National Reined Cow Horse

14 Association (NRCHA);

15                   (X) Professional Bull Riders, LLC;

16                   (Y) the Professional Golfers' Association of

17 America (PGA) and its wholly owned subsidiaries;

18                   (Z) [~~(V)~~] the Professional Rodeo Cowboys

19 Association;

20                   (AA) [~~(W)~~] the Republican National Committee;

21                   (BB) South by Southwest;

22                   (CC) [~~(X)~~] the Ultimate Fighting Championship;

23                   (DD) [~~(Y)~~] the United States Golf Association;

24                   (EE) [~~(Z)~~] the United States Olympic Committee;

25                   (FF) [~~(AA)~~] World Wrestling Entertainment; or

26                   (GG) [~~(BB)~~] the national governing body of a

27 sport that is recognized by:

- 1 (i) the Federation Internationale de  
2 l'Automobile;  
3 (ii) Formula One Management Limited;  
4 (iii) the National Thoroughbred Racing  
5 Association; or  
6 (iv) the United States Olympic Committee.

7 SECTION 2. Section 478.0053, Government Code, is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 478.0053. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY  
10 REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN LARGE EVENTS [~~VENUES~~]. Section  
11 478.0051(b)(1) does not apply to an event described by Section  
12 478.0001(3)(J) or (FF) [~~478.0001(3)(H)~~]. If an endorsing  
13 municipality or endorsing county requests the office to make a  
14 determination under Section 478.0102 for an event described by  
15 Section 478.0001(3)(J) or (FF) [~~478.0001(3)(H)~~], the remaining  
16 provisions of this chapter apply to that event as if the event  
17 satisfied the eligibility requirements under Section  
18 478.0051(b)(1).

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
24 legislative session.