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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility of the South by Southwest Conference
3 and Festivals for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement
4 Program.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 478.0001(3) and (7), Government Code,
7 as effective April 1, 2021, are amended to read as follows:

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

- 10 (A) the Academy of Country Music Awards;
- 11 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic
12 Games;
- 13 (C) the Breeders' Cup World Championships;
- 14 (D) a game of the College Football Playoff or its
15 successor;
- 16 (E) an Elite Rodeo Association World
17 Championship;
- 18 (F) a Formula One automobile race;
- 19 (G) the largest event held each year at a sports
20 entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating
21 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of at least
22 125,000;
- 23 (H) the Major League Baseball All-Star Game;
- 24 (I) the Major League Soccer All-Star Game or the

- 1 Major League Soccer Cup;
- 2 (J) a mixed martial arts championship;
- 3 (K) the Moto Grand Prix of the United States;
- 4 (L) the National Association for Stock Car Auto
- 5 Racing (NASCAR):
- 6 (i) All-Star Race; or
- 7 (ii) season-ending Championship Race;
- 8 (M) the National Basketball Association All-Star
- 9 Game;
- 10 (N) a National Collegiate Athletic Association
- 11 Final Four tournament game;
- 12 (O) the National Collegiate Athletic Association
- 13 men's or women's lacrosse championships;
- 14 (P) a national collegiate championship of an
- 15 amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the
- 16 sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee;
- 17 (Q) the National Cutting Horse Association
- 18 Triple Crown;
- 19 (R) the National Hockey League All-Star Game;
- 20 (S) a national political convention of the
- 21 Republican National Committee or the Democratic National
- 22 Committee;
- 23 (T) an Olympic activity, including a Junior or
- 24 Senior activity, training program, or feeder program sanctioned by
- 25 the United States Olympic Committee's Community Olympic
- 26 Development Program;
- 27 (U) a presidential general election debate;

- 1 (V) the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association
2 National Finals Rodeo;
- 3 (W) the South by Southwest Conference and
4 Festivals;
- 5 (X) a Super Bowl;
- 6 (Y) [~~(X)~~] the United States Open Championship;
- 7 (Z) [~~(Y)~~] a World Cup soccer game or the World
8 Cup soccer tournament;
- 9 (AA) [~~(Z)~~] the World Games; or
- 10 (BB) [~~(AA)~~] the X Games.
- 11 (7) "Site selection organization" means:
- 12 (A) the Academy of Country Music;
- 13 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union;
- 14 (C) the College Football Playoff Administration,
15 LLC, or its successor;
- 16 (D) the Commission on Presidential Debates;
- 17 (E) the Democratic National Committee;
- 18 (F) Dorna Sports;
- 19 (G) the Elite Rodeo Association;
- 20 (H) ESPN or an affiliate;
- 21 (I) the Federation Internationale de Football
22 Association (FIFA);
- 23 (J) the International World Games Association;
- 24 (K) Major League Baseball;
- 25 (L) Major League Soccer;
- 26 (M) the National Association for Stock Car Auto
27 Racing (NASCAR);

- 1 (N) the National Basketball Association;
2 (O) the National Collegiate Athletic
3 Association;
4 (P) the National Cutting Horse Association;
5 (Q) the National Football League;
6 (R) the National Hockey League;
7 (S) the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association;
8 (T) the Republican National Committee;
9 (U) South by Southwest;
10 (V) the Ultimate Fighting Championship;
11 (W) [~~(V)~~] the United States Golf Association;
12 (X) [~~(W)~~] the United States Olympic Committee;
13 or
14 (Y) [~~(X)~~] the national governing body of a sport
15 that is recognized by:
16 (i) the Federation Internationale de
17 l'Automobile;
18 (ii) Formula One Management Limited;
19 (iii) the National Thoroughbred Racing
20 Association; or
21 (iv) the United States Olympic Committee.

22 SECTION 2. Section 478.0053, Government Code, as effective
23 April 1, 2021, is amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 478.0053. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY
25 REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN EVENTS [~~LARGE VENUES~~]. Section
26 478.0051(b)(1) does not apply to an event described by Section
27 478.0001(3)(G) or (W). If an endorsing municipality or endorsing

1 county requests the office to make a determination under Section
2 478.0102 for an event described by Section 478.0001(3)(G) or (W),
3 the remaining provisions of this chapter apply to that event as if
4 the event satisfied the eligibility requirements under Section
5 478.0051(b)(1).

6 SECTION 3. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
7 over another Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021,
8 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
9 codes.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.