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H.B. No. 1950

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the major events reimbursement program, including event
3 funding eligibility, site selection organizations, and single
4 event and single year classifications.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 478.0001(3), Government Code, as amended
7 by Chapters 10 (H.B. 1472), 102 (S.B. 1265), 605 (S.B. 1155), and
8 915 (H.B. 3607), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session,
9 2021, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

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

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

- 1 Championship;
- 2 (J) a Federation Equestre Internationale World
- 3 Cup Final;
- 4 (K) a Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme
- 5 (FIM) World Supercross Championship race;
- 6 (L) the [~~(H)~~—a] Formula One United States Grand
- 7 Prix [automobile race];
- 8 (M) [~~(I)~~] the largest event held each year at a
- 9 sports entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating
- 10 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of at least
- 11 125,000 on September 1, 2021;
- 12 (N) [~~(J)~~] the Major League Baseball All-Star
- 13 Game;
- 14 (O) [~~(K)~~] the Major League Soccer All-Star Game
- 15 or the Major League Soccer Cup;
- 16 (P) [~~(L)~~] a mixed martial arts championship;
- 17 (Q) [~~(M)~~] the Moto Grand Prix of the United
- 18 States;
- 19 (R) [~~(N)~~] the National Association for Stock Car
- 20 Auto Racing (NASCAR):
- 21 (i) All-Star Race;
- 22 (ii) season-ending Championship Race; or
- 23 (iii) Texas Grand Prix race;
- 24 (S) [~~(O)~~] the National Basketball Association
- 25 All-Star Game;
- 26 (T) [~~(P)~~] a National Collegiate Athletic
- 27 Association Final Four tournament game;

1 (U) [~~(Q)~~] the National Collegiate Athletic
2 Association men's or women's lacrosse championships;

3 (V) [~~(R)~~] a national collegiate championship of
4 an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the
5 sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee;

6 (W) [~~(S)~~] the National Cutting Horse Association
7 Triple Crown;

8 (X) [~~(T)~~] the National Hockey League All-Star
9 Game;

10 (Y) the National Hot Rod Association Fall
11 Nationals at the Texas Motorplex;

12 (Z) [~~(U)~~] a national political convention of the
13 Republican National Committee or the Democratic National
14 Committee;

15 (AA) [~~(V) a championship event in~~] the
16 National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) Championship Series;

17 (BB) [~~(W)~~] an Olympic activity, including a
18 Junior or Senior activity, training program, or feeder program
19 sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee's Community
20 Olympic Development Program;

21 (CC) [~~(X)~~] a presidential general election
22 debate;

23 (DD) the Professional Bull Riders World Finals;

24 (EE) [~~(Y)~~] the Professional Rodeo Cowboys
25 Association National Finals Rodeo;

26 (FF) a series of cricket matches or competitions
27 within either:

- 1 (i) the T20 World Cup, sanctioned by the
- 2 International Cricket Council; or
- 3 (ii) Major League Cricket;
- 4 (GG) [~~(Z)~~] a Super Bowl;
- 5 (HH) [~~(AA)~~] the United States Open Championship;
- 6 (II) [~~(BB)~~] a World Cup soccer game or the World
- 7 Cup soccer tournament;
- 8 (JJ) [~~(CC)~~] the World Games;
- 9 (KK) [~~(DD)~~] a World Wrestling Entertainment
- 10 WrestleMania event; or
- 11 (LL) [~~(EE)~~] the X Games.

12 SECTION 2. Section 478.0001(7), Government Code, as amended

13 by Chapters 10 (H.B. 1472), 102 (S.B. 1265), and 915 (H.B. 3607),

14 Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted

15 and amended to read as follows:

- 16 (7) "Site selection organization" means:
- 17 (A) the Academy of Country Music;
- 18 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union;
- 19 (C) Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, LLC;
- 20 (D) the Big 12 Conference;
- 21 (E) [~~(D)~~] the College Football Playoff
- 22 Administration, LLC, or its successor;
- 23 (F) [~~(E)~~] the Commission on Presidential
- 24 Debates;
- 25 (G) the Confederation of North, Central America
- 26 and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf);
- 27 (H) [~~(F)~~] the Democratic National Committee;

- 1 (I) [~~(C)~~] Dorna Sports;
- 2 (J) [~~(H)~~] the Elite Rodeo Association;
- 3 (K) [~~(I)~~] Encore Live;
- 4 (L) [~~(J)~~] ESPN or an affiliate;
- 5 (M) the Federation Equestre Internationale
- 6 (FEI);
- 7 (N) [~~(K)~~] the Federation Internationale de
- 8 Football Association (FIFA);
- 9 (O) the International Cricket Council or Major
- 10 League Cricket;
- 11 (P) [~~(L)~~] the International World Games
- 12 Association;
- 13 (Q) [~~(M)~~] Major League Baseball;
- 14 (R) [~~(N)~~] Major League Soccer;
- 15 (S) [~~(O)~~] the National Association for Stock Car
- 16 Auto Racing (NASCAR);
- 17 (T) [~~(P)~~] the National Basketball Association;
- 18 (U) [~~(Q)~~] the National Collegiate Athletic
- 19 Association;
- 20 (V) [~~(R)~~] the National Cutting Horse
- 21 Association;
- 22 (W) [~~(S)~~] the National Football League;
- 23 (X) [~~(T)~~] the National Hockey League;
- 24 (Y) the National Hot Rod Association;
- 25 (Z) [~~(U)~~] the National Reined Cow Horse
- 26 Association (NRCHA);
- 27 (AA) Professional Bull Riders, LLC;

1 (BB) [~~(V)~~] the Professional Rodeo Cowboys
2 Association;
3 (CC) [~~(W)~~] the Republican National Committee;
4 (DD) SX Global;
5 (EE) [~~(X)~~] the Ultimate Fighting Championship;
6 (FF) [~~(Y)~~] the United States Golf Association;
7 (GG) [~~(Z)~~] the United States Olympic Committee;
8 (HH) [~~(AA)~~] World Wrestling Entertainment; or
9 (II) [~~(BB)~~] the national governing body of a
10 sport that is recognized by:

- 11 (i) the Federation Internationale de
12 l'Automobile;
- 13 (ii) Formula One Management Limited or its
14 successor;
- 15 (iii) the National Thoroughbred Racing
16 Association; or
- 17 (iv) the United States Olympic Committee.

18 SECTION 3. Section 478.0051, Government Code, is amended by
19 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

20 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), an event described by
21 Section 478.0001(3)(FF) may receive funding through the program if
22 a portion of the event is held at one or more sites located in
23 another state or country.

24 SECTION 4. Section 478.0052, Government Code, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 Sec. 478.0052. SINGLE EVENT CLASSIFICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY
27 PURPOSES. For purposes of Section 478.0051:

1 (1) [~~7~~] each presidential general election debate in a
2 series of presidential debates before a general election is
3 considered a separate, single event; and

4 (2) each series of games for the World Cup soccer
5 tournament held in a market area designated for that series is
6 considered a separate, single event.

7 SECTION 5. Subchapter B, Chapter 478, Government Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 478.00525 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 478.00525. SINGLE YEAR CLASSIFICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY
10 PURPOSES FOR CERTAIN SPORTING EVENTS. For purposes of Sections
11 478.0051(b)(1) and (3), a sporting event listed in Section
12 478.0001(3) is considered to be held one time in each year if the
13 event is held only one time in any annual season for that sport.

14 SECTION 6. Section 478.0053, Government Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 478.0053. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY
17 REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN LARGE VENUES. Section 478.0051(b)(1) does
18 not apply to an event described by Section 478.0001(3)(M)
19 [~~478.0001(3)(H)~~]. If an endorsing municipality or endorsing county
20 requests the office to make a determination under Section 478.0102
21 for an event described by Section
22 478.0001(3)(M) [~~478.0001(3)(H)~~], the remaining provisions of this
23 chapter apply to that event as if the event satisfied the
24 eligibility requirements under Section 478.0051(b)(1).

25 SECTION 7. Subchapter B, Chapter 480, Government Code, is
26 amended by adding Section 480.00515 to read as follows:

27 Sec. 480.00515. SINGLE YEAR CLASSIFICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY

1 PURPOSES FOR CERTAIN SPORTING EVENTS. For purposes of Sections
2 480.0051(1) and (3), a sporting event is considered to be held one
3 time in each year if the event is held only one time in any annual
4 season for that sport.

5 SECTION 8. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
6 over another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,
7 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
8 codes.

9 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.