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H.B. No. 2231

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. Section 478.0001(3), Government Code, as amended
6 by Chapters 10 (H.B. 1472), 102 (S.B. 1265), 605 (S.B. 1155), and
7 915 (H.B. 3607), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session,
8 2021, is 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) the Bassmaster Classic;
- 15 (D) a Big 12 Football Conference Championship
16 game;
- 17 (E) [~~(D)~~] the Breeders' Cup World Championships;
- 18 (F) [~~(E)~~] a game of the College Football Playoff
19 or its successor;
- 20 (G) [~~(F)~~] the Confederation of North, Central
21 America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) Gold Cup;
- 22 (H) [~~(F)~~] a CONVRG conference;
- 23 (I) [~~(G)~~] an Elite Rodeo Association World
24 Championship;

1 (J) a Federation Equestre Internationale World
2 Cup Final;

3 (K) a Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme
4 (FIM) World Supercross Championship race;

5 (L) the ~~[(H) a]~~ Formula One United States Grand
6 Prix ~~[automobile race]~~;

7 (M) ~~[(I)]~~ the largest event held each year at a
8 sports entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating
9 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of at least
10 125,000 on September 1, 2021;

11 (N) ~~[(J)]~~ the Major League Baseball All-Star
12 Game;

13 (O) ~~[(K)]~~ the Major League Soccer All-Star Game
14 or the Major League Soccer Cup;

15 (P) ~~[(L)]~~ a mixed martial arts championship;

16 (Q) ~~[(M)]~~ the Moto Grand Prix of the United
17 States;

18 (R) ~~[(N)]~~ the National Association for Stock Car
19 Auto Racing (NASCAR):

20 (i) All-Star Race;

21 (ii) season-ending Championship Race; or

22 (iii) Texas Grand Prix race;

23 (S) ~~[(O)]~~ the National Basketball Association
24 All-Star Game;

25 (T) ~~[(P)]~~ a National Collegiate Athletic
26 Association Final Four tournament game;

27 (U) ~~[(Q)]~~ the National Collegiate Athletic

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

1 Cup soccer tournament;

2 (II) [~~(CC)~~] the World Games;

3 (JJ) [~~(DD)~~] a World Wrestling Entertainment
4 WrestleMania event; or

5 (KK) [~~(EE)~~] the X Games.

6 SECTION 2. Section 478.0001(7), Government Code, as amended
7 by Chapters 10 (H.B. 1472), 102 (S.B. 1265), and 915 (H.B. 3607),
8 Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted
9 and amended to read as follows:

10 (7) "Site selection organization" means:

11 (A) the Academy of Country Music;

12 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union;

13 (C) Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, LLC;

14 (D) the Big 12 Conference;

15 (E) [~~(D)~~] the College Football Playoff
16 Administration, LLC, or its successor;

17 (F) [~~(E)~~] the Commission on Presidential
18 Debates;

19 (G) the Confederation of North, Central America
20 and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf);

21 (H) [~~(F)~~] the Democratic National Committee;

22 (I) [~~(G)~~] Dorna Sports;

23 (J) [~~(H)~~] the Elite Rodeo Association;

24 (K) [~~(I)~~] Encore Live;

25 (L) [~~(J)~~] ESPN or an affiliate;

26 (M) the Federation Equestre Internationale
27 (FEI);

1 (N) [~~(K)~~] the Federation Internationale de
2 Football Association (FIFA);
3 (O) [~~(L)~~] the International World Games
4 Association;
5 (P) [~~(M)~~] Major League Baseball;
6 (Q) [~~(N)~~] Major League Soccer;
7 (R) [~~(O)~~] the National Association for Stock Car
8 Auto Racing (NASCAR);
9 (S) [~~(P)~~] the National Basketball Association;
10 (T) [~~(Q)~~] the National Collegiate Athletic
11 Association;
12 (U) [~~(R)~~] the National Cutting Horse
13 Association;
14 (V) [~~(S)~~] the National Football League;
15 (W) [~~(T)~~] the National Hockey League;
16 (X) the National Hot Rod Association;
17 (Y) [~~(U)~~] the National Reined Cow Horse
18 Association (NRCHA);
19 (Z) Professional Bull Riders, LLC;
20 (AA) [~~(V)~~] the Professional Rodeo Cowboys
21 Association;
22 (BB) [~~(W)~~] the Republican National Committee;
23 (CC) SX Global;
24 (DD) [~~(X)~~] the Ultimate Fighting Championship;
25 (EE) [~~(Y)~~] the United States Golf Association;
26 (FF) [~~(Z)~~] the United States Olympic Committee;
27 (GG) [~~(AA)~~] World Wrestling Entertainment; or

1 (HH) [~~(BB)~~] the national governing body of a
2 sport that is recognized by:

3 (i) the Federation Internationale de
4 l'Automobile;

5 (ii) Formula One Management Limited or its
6 successor;

7 (iii) the National Thoroughbred Racing
8 Association; or

9 (iv) the United States Olympic Committee.

10 SECTION 3. Section 478.0053, Government Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

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

21 SECTION 4. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
22 over another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,
23 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
24 codes.

25 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.