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S.B. No. 874

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility of the certain cricket events for
3 funding under the 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 effective April 1, 2021, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

1 the United States Olympic Committee's Community Olympic
2 Development Program;

3 (X) a presidential general election debate;

4 (Y) the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association
5 National Finals Rodeo;

6 (Z) a Super Bowl;

7 (AA) the United States Open Championship;

8 (BB) a World Cup soccer game or the World Cup
9 soccer tournament;

10 (CC) the World Games;

11 (DD) a World Wrestling Entertainment
12 WrestleMania event; or

13 (EE) the X Games; or

14 (FF) an individual match or competition or a
15 series of matches or competitions including the T20 World Cup
16 sanctioned by the International Cricket Council, USA Cricket, or
17 Major League Cricket.

18 (7) "Site selection organization" means:

19 (A) the Academy of Country Music;

20 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union;

21 (C) the College Football Playoff Administration,
22 LLC, or its successor;

23 (D) the Commission on Presidential Debates;

24 (E) the Democratic National Committee;

25 (F) Dorna Sports;

26 (G) the Elite Rodeo Association;

27 (H) ESPN or an affiliate;

- 1 (I) the Federation Internationale de Football
2 Association (FIFA);
- 3 (J) International Cricket Council, USA Cricket,
4 or Major League Cricket;
- 5 (K) the International World Games Association;
- 6 (K) Major League Baseball;
- 7 (L) Major League Soccer;
- 8 (M) the National Association for Stock Car Auto
9 Racing (NASCAR);
- 10 (N) the National Basketball Association;
- 11 (O) the National Collegiate Athletic
12 Association;
- 13 (P) the National Cutting Horse Association;
- 14 (Q) the National Football League;
- 15 (R) the National Hockey League;
- 16 (S) the National Hot Rod Association;
- 17 (T) the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association;
- 18 (U) [~~(T)~~] the Republican National Committee;
- 19 (V) [~~(U)~~] the Ultimate Fighting Championship;
- 20 (W) [~~(V)~~] the United States Golf Association;
- 21 (X) the United States Olympic Committee; or
- 22 (Y) the national governing body of a sport that
23 is recognized by:
- 24 (i) the Federation Internationale de
25 l'Automobile;
- 26 (ii) Formula One Management Limited;
- 27 (iii) the National Thoroughbred Racing

1 Association; or

2 (iv) the United States Olympic Committee.

3 SECTION 2. Section 478.0051, Government Code, as effective
4 April 1, 2021, is amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 478.0051. EVENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING. (a) Only an
6 event listed in Section 478.0001(3) is eligible for funding under
7 this chapter.

8 (b) A listed event may receive funding through the program
9 only if:

10 (1) a site selection organization, after considering
11 through a highly competitive selection process one or more sites
12 not in this state, selects a site in this state for the event to be
13 held:

14 (A) one time; or

15 (B) if the event is scheduled under an event
16 contract or event support contract to be held each year for a period
17 of years, one time in each year;

18 (2) a site selection organization selects a site in
19 this state as:

20 (A) the sole site for the event; or

21 (B) the sole site for the event in a region
22 composed of this state and one or more adjoining states;

23 (3) the event is held not more than one time in any
24 year;

25 (4) the incremental increase in tax receipts
26 determined under Section 478.0102 is at least \$1 million; and

27 (5) not later than the 30th day before the first day of

1 the event, a site selection organization submits a plan to prevent
2 the trafficking of persons in connection with the event to:

3 (A) the office of the attorney general; and

4 (B) the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency
5 Management.

6 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an event described by
7 (3)(FF) may receive funding through the program if a portion of the
8 event takes place in another state or country or if the event is
9 held multiple times per year.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.