

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain events for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

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

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

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

(A) the Academy of Country Music Awards;

(B) the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games;

(C) the Bassmaster Classic;

(D) a Big 12 Football Conference Championship game;

(E) [~~(D)~~] the Breeders' Cup World Championships;

(F) the CMT (Country Music Television) Music Awards;

(G) [~~(E)~~] a game of the College Football Playoff or its successor;

(H) [~~(F)~~] the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) Gold Cup;

(I) [~~(F)~~] a CONVRG conference;

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

1 Association Final Four tournament game;

2 (V) [~~(Q)~~] the National Collegiate Athletic

3 Association men's or women's lacrosse championships;

4 (W) [~~(R)~~] a national collegiate championship of

5 an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the

6 sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee;

7 (X) [~~(S)~~] the National Cutting Horse Association

8 Triple Crown;

9 (Y) [~~(T)~~] the National Hockey League All-Star

10 Game;

11 (Z) the National Hot Rod Association Fall

12 Nationals at the Texas Motorplex;

13 (AA) [~~(U)~~] a national political convention of

14 the Republican National Committee or the Democratic National

15 Committee;

16 (BB) [~~(V) a championship event in~~] the

17 National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) Championship Series;

18 (CC) [~~(W)~~] an Olympic activity, including a

19 Junior or Senior activity, training program, or feeder program

20 sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee's Community

21 Olympic Development Program;

22 (DD) [~~(X)~~] a presidential general election

23 debate;

24 (EE) the Professional Bull Riders World Finals;

25 (FF) [~~(Y)~~] the Professional Rodeo Cowboys

26 Association National Finals Rodeo;

27 (GG) a series of cricket matches or competitions

1 within the T20 World Cup;

2 (HH) [~~(Z)~~] a Super Bowl;

3 (II) [~~(AA)~~] the United States Open 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 SECTION 2. Section 478.0001(7), Government Code, as amended
11 by Chapters 10 (H.B. 1472), 102 (S.B. 1265), and 915 (H.B. 3607),
12 Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted
13 and amended to read as follows:

14 (7) "Site selection organization" means:

15 (A) the Academy of Country Music;

16 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union;

17 (C) Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, LLC;

18 (D) the Big 12 Conference;

19 (E) CMT (Country Music Television) Productions
20 Inc.;

21 (F) [~~(D)~~] the College Football Playoff
22 Administration, LLC, or its successor;

23 (G) [~~(E)~~] the Commission on Presidential
24 Debates;

25 (H) the Confederation of North, Central America
26 and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf);

27 (I) [~~(F)~~] the Democratic National Committee;

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

1 Association;

2 (DD) [~~(W)~~] the Republican National Committee;

3 (EE) SX Global;

4 (FF) [~~(X)~~] the Ultimate Fighting Championship;

5 (GG) [~~(Y)~~] the United States Golf Association;

6 (HH) [~~(Z)~~] the United States Olympic Committee;

7 (II) [~~(AA)~~] World Wrestling Entertainment; or

8 (JJ) [~~(BB)~~] the national governing body of a
9 sport that is recognized by:

10 (i) the Federation Internationale de
11 l'Automobile;

12 (ii) Formula One Management Limited or its
13 successor;

14 (iii) the National Thoroughbred Racing
15 Association; or

16 (iv) the United States Olympic Committee.

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

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

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

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

27 (1) [~~(7)~~] each presidential general election debate in a

1 series of presidential debates before a general election is
2 considered a separate, single event; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 Sec. 480.00515. SINGLE YEAR CLASSIFICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY
27 PURPOSES FOR CERTAIN SPORTING EVENTS. For purposes of Sections

1 480.0051(1) and (3), a sporting event is considered to be held one
2 time in each year if the event is held only one time in any annual
3 season for that sport.

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2325 passed the Senate on April 26, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 26, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2325 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 102, Nays 38, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor