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H.B. No. 2610

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the financing of health care facilities under the sports and community venue statute.

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

SECTION 1. Section 334.001(4), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Venue" means:

(A) an arena, coliseum, stadium, or other type of area or facility:

(i) that is used or is planned for use for one or more professional or amateur sports events, community events, or other sports events, including rodeos, livestock shows, agricultural expositions, promotional events, and other civic or charitable events; and

(ii) for which a fee for admission to the events is charged or is planned to be charged;

(B) a convention center facility or related improvement such as a convention center, civic center, civic center building, civic center hotel, auditorium, theater, opera house, music hall, exhibition hall, rehearsal hall, park, zoological park, museum, aquarium, or plaza located in the vicinity of a convention center or facility owned by a municipality or a county;

(C) a tourist development area along an inland waterway;

1                   (D) a municipal parks and recreation system, or  
2 improvements or additions to a parks and recreation system, or an  
3 area or facility that is part of a municipal parks and recreation  
4 system; ~~and~~

5                   (E) a project authorized by Section 4A or 4B,  
6 Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas  
7 Civil Statutes), as that Act existed on September 1, 1997; and

8                   (F) a health care facility, as that term is  
9 defined by Section 104.002, Health and Safety Code.

10           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.