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H.B. No. 3010

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing and financing certain sports and community venue projects.

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

SECTION 1. Section 334.001, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subdivisions (1) and (4) and adding Subdivision (1-a) to read as follows:

(1) "Active transportation" means transportation that is primarily powered by human energy. The term includes walking, running, and bicycling.

(1-a) "Approved venue project" means a sports and community venue project that has been approved under this chapter by the voters of a municipality or county.

(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, convention center

1 facility as defined by Section 351.001(2) or 352.001(2), Tax Code,  
2 or related improvement such as a civic center hotel, theater, opera  
3 house, music hall, rehearsal hall, park, zoological park, museum,  
4 aquarium, or plaza located in the vicinity of a convention center or  
5 facility owned by a municipality or a county;

6 (C) a tourist development area [~~along an inland~~  
7 ~~waterway~~];

8 (D) a municipal parks and recreation system, or  
9 improvements or additions to a parks and recreation system, or an  
10 area or facility, including an area or facility for active  
11 transportation use, that is part of a municipal parks and  
12 recreation system;

13 (E) a project authorized by Section 4A or 4B,  
14 Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas  
15 Civil Statutes), as that Act existed on September 1, 1997; [~~and~~]

16 (F) a watershed protection and preservation  
17 project; a recharge, recharge area, or recharge feature protection  
18 project; a conservation easement; or an open-space preservation  
19 program intended to protect water; and

20 (G) an airport facility located in a municipality  
21 located on the international border.

22 SECTION 2. Section 334.1015, Local Government Code, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 334.1015. APPLICATION. (a) Except as provided by  
25 Subsection (b), this [~~This~~] subchapter does not apply to the  
26 financing of a venue project that is an area or facility that is  
27 part of a municipal parks and recreation system.

1        (b) This subsection applies only to a municipality located  
2 on the international border. This subchapter applies to the  
3 financing of a venue project that is an area or facility that is  
4 part of a municipal parks and recreation system, including an area  
5 of the system for active transportation use.

6        SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.