

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain events to receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 5A(a)(4) and (5), Chapter 1507 (S.B. 456), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

(4) "Event" means a Super Bowl, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four tournament game, the National Basketball Association All-Star Game, the X Games, the National Hockey League All-Star Game, the Major League Baseball All-Star Game, a game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Bowl Championship Series or its successor or a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason playoff or championship game, a Big 12 Football Conference Championship game, the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's or women's lacrosse championships, a World Cup Soccer game, the World Cup soccer tournament, the Major League Soccer All-Star Game, the Major League Soccer Cup, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association National Finals Rodeo, an Elite Rodeo Association World Championship, the United States Open Championship, the World Games, a national collegiate championship of an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the

1 sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee, an
2 Olympic activity, including a Junior or Senior activity, training
3 program, or feeder program sanctioned by the United States Olympic
4 Committee's Community Olympic Development Program, the Amateur
5 Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games, a mixed martial arts
6 championship, a World Wrestling Entertainment WrestleMania event,
7 the Breeders' Cup World Championships, a Formula One automobile
8 race, the Moto Grand Prix of the United States, the National
9 Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) All-Star Race, the
10 season-ending Championship Race for the National Association for
11 Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), the Academy of Country Music
12 Awards, the National Cutting Horse Association Triple Crown, a
13 championship event in the National Reined Cow Horse Association
14 (NRCHA) Championship Series, a CONVRG conference, a national
15 political convention of the Republican National Committee or the
16 Democratic National Committee, a presidential general election
17 debate, or the largest event held each year at a sports
18 entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating
19 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of not less
20 than 125,000. The term includes any activities related to or
21 associated with an event.

22 (5) "Site selection organization" means:

23 (A) the National Football League, the National
24 Collegiate Athletic Association, the Big 12 Conference, the
25 National Basketball Association, ESPN or an affiliate, the National
26 Hockey League, Major League Baseball, the Federation
27 Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), the International

1 World Games Association, the National Association for Stock Car
2 Auto Racing (NASCAR), Dorna Sports, the Amateur Athletic Union, the
3 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, the Elite Rodeo
4 Association, Major League Soccer, the United States Golf
5 Association, or the United States Olympic Committee;

6 (B) the national governing body of a sport that
7 is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee, the National
8 Thoroughbred Racing Association, Formula One Management Limited,
9 or the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile;

10 (C) the Academy of Country Music;

11 (D) the National Cutting Horse Association;

12 (E) the National Reined Cow Horse Association
13 (NRCHA);

14 (F) Encore Live;

15 (G) the Republican National Committee or the
16 Democratic National Committee;

17 (H) [~~F~~] the Ultimate Fighting Championship;

18 (I) World Wrestling Entertainment; or

19 (J) [~~G~~] the Commission on Presidential
20 Debates.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2402 was passed by the House on May 2, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 116, Nays 27, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2402 on May 20, 2019, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2402 on May 25, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 18, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 2402

I certify that H.B. No. 2402 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 16, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2402 on May 25, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 4.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor