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S.B. No. 1270

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility of certain exhibitions and festivals to
3 receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 5A(a)(4) and (5), Chapter 1507 (S.B.
6 456), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article
7 [5190.14](#), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as
8 follows:

9 (4) "Event" means a Super Bowl, a National Collegiate
10 Athletic Association Final Four tournament game, the National
11 Basketball Association All-Star Game, the X Games, the National
12 Hockey League All-Star Game, the Major League Baseball All-Star
13 Game, a game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Bowl
14 Championship Series or its successor or a National Collegiate
15 Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision
16 postseason playoff or championship game, the National Collegiate
17 Athletic Association men's or women's lacrosse championships, a
18 World Cup Soccer game, the World Cup soccer tournament, the Major
19 League Soccer All-Star Game, the Major League Soccer Cup, the
20 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association National Finals Rodeo, an
21 Elite Rodeo Association World Championship, the United States Open
22 Championship, the World Games, a national collegiate championship
23 of an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the
24 sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee, an

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

20 (5) "Site selection organization" means:

21 (A) the National Football League, the National
22 Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Basketball
23 Association, ESPN or an affiliate, the National Hockey League,
24 Major League Baseball, the Federation Internationale de Football
25 Association (FIFA), the International World Games Association, the
26 National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), Dorna
27 Sports, the Amateur Athletic Union, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys

1 Association, the Elite Rodeo Association, Major League Soccer, the
2 United States Golf Association, or the United States Olympic
3 Committee;

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

8 (C) the Academy of Country Music;

9 (D) the National Cutting Horse Association;

10 (E) the International World Exhibition &
11 Festival Organization;

12 (F) [~~(E)~~] the Republican National Committee or
13 the Democratic National Committee;

14 (G) [~~(F)~~] the Ultimate Fighting Championship; or

15 (H) [~~(G)~~] the Commission on Presidential
16 Debates.

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