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S.B. No. 2182

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the eligibility of certain events for funding under the  
3 Major Events Reimbursement Program.

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

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

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

1 program, or feeder program sanctioned by the United States Olympic  
2 Committee's Community Olympic Development Program, the Amateur  
3 Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games, a mixed martial arts  
4 championship, the Breeders' Cup World Championships, a Formula One  
5 automobile race, the Moto Grand Prix of the United States, the  
6 National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) All-Star  
7 Race, the season-ending Championship Race for the National  
8 Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), the Academy of  
9 Country Music Awards, the National Cutting Horse Association Triple  
10 Crown, a national political convention of the Republican National  
11 Committee or the Democratic National Committee, a presidential  
12 general election debate, or the largest event held each year at a  
13 sports entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating  
14 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of not less  
15 than 125,000 as of September 1, 2019. The term includes any  
16 activities related to or associated with an event.

17 SECTION 2. Section 5A(a-2), Chapter 1507 (S.B. 456), Acts  
18 of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14,  
19 Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

20 (a-2) Subsection (a-1)(1) of this section does not apply to  
21 an event that is the largest event held each year at a sports  
22 entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating  
23 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of not less  
24 than 125,000 as of September 1, 2019. If an endorsing municipality  
25 or endorsing county requests the department to make a determination  
26 under Subsection (b) of this section for an event described by this  
27 subsection, the provisions of this section apply to that event as if

1 it satisfied the eligibility requirements for an event under  
2 Subsection (a-1)(1) of this section.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.