By:  Bucy, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Eckhardt) H.B. No. 1472

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 19, 2021; April 19, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development; April 23, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 23, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Birdwell        X

Zaffirini       X

Alvarado        X

Hancock         X

Hinojosa        X

Hughes          X

Kolkhorst       X

Lucio           X

Seliger         X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of the Concacaf Gold Cup for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 478.0001(3) and (7), Government Code, as effective April 1, 2021, are amended to read as follows:

(3)  "Event" means any of the following and includes any activity related to or associated with the following:

(A)  the Academy of Country Music Awards;

(B)  the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games;

(C)  the Breeders' Cup World Championships;

(D)  a game of the College Football Playoff or its successor;

(E)  the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) Gold Cup;

(F)  an Elite Rodeo Association World Championship;

(G) [~~(F)~~]  a Formula One automobile race;

(H) [~~(G)~~]  the largest event held each year at a sports entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of at least 125,000;

(I) [~~(H)~~]  the Major League Baseball All-Star Game;

(J) [~~(I)~~]  the Major League Soccer All-Star Game or the Major League Soccer Cup;

(K) [~~(J)~~]  a mixed martial arts championship;

(L) [~~(K)~~]  the Moto Grand Prix of the United States;

(M) [~~(L)~~]  the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR):

(i)  All-Star Race; or

(ii)  season-ending Championship Race;

(N) [~~(M)~~]  the National Basketball Association All-Star Game;

(O) [~~(N)~~]  a National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four tournament game;

(P) [~~(O)~~]  the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's or women's lacrosse championships;

(Q) [~~(P)~~]  a national collegiate championship of an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee;

(R) [~~(Q)~~]  the National Cutting Horse Association Triple Crown;

(S) [~~(R)~~]  the National Hockey League All-Star Game;

(T) [~~(S)~~]  a national political convention of the Republican National Committee or the Democratic National Committee;

(U) [~~(T)~~]  an Olympic activity, including a Junior or Senior activity, training program, or feeder program sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee's Community Olympic Development Program;

(V) [~~(U)~~]  a presidential general election debate;

(W) [~~(V)~~]  the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association National Finals Rodeo;

(X) [~~(W)~~]  a Super Bowl;

(Y) [~~(X)~~]  the United States Open Championship;

(Z) [~~(Y)~~]  a World Cup soccer game or the World Cup soccer tournament;

(AA) [~~(Z)~~]  the World Games; or

(BB) [~~(AA)~~]  the X Games.

(7)  "Site selection organization" means:

(A)  the Academy of Country Music;

(B)  the Amateur Athletic Union;

(C)  the College Football Playoff Administration, LLC, or its successor;

(D)  the Commission on Presidential Debates;

(E)  the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf);

(F)  the Democratic National Committee;

(G) [~~(F)~~]  Dorna Sports;

(H) [~~(G)~~]  the Elite Rodeo Association;

(I) [~~(H)~~]  ESPN or an affiliate;

(J) [~~(I)~~]  the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA);

(K) [~~(J)~~]  the International World Games Association;

(L) [~~(K)~~]  Major League Baseball;

(M) [~~(L)~~]  Major League Soccer;

(N) [~~(M)~~]  the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR);

(O) [~~(N)~~]  the National Basketball Association;

(P) [~~(O)~~]  the National Collegiate Athletic Association;

(Q) [~~(P)~~]  the National Cutting Horse Association;

(R) [~~(Q)~~]  the National Football League;

(S) [~~(R)~~]  the National Hockey League;

(T) [~~(S)~~]  the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association;

(U) [~~(T)~~]  the Republican National Committee;

(V) [~~(U)~~]  the Ultimate Fighting Championship;

(W) [~~(V)~~]  the United States Golf Association;

(X) [~~(W)~~]  the United States Olympic Committee; or

(Y) [~~(X)~~]  the national governing body of a sport that is recognized by:

(i)  the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile;

(ii)  Formula One Management Limited;

(iii)  the National Thoroughbred Racing Association; or

(iv)  the United States Olympic Committee.

SECTION 2.  Section 478.0053, Government Code, as effective April 1, 2021, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 478.0053.  EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN LARGE VENUES. Section 478.0051(b)(1) does not apply to an event described by Section 478.0001(3)(H) [~~478.0001(3)(G)~~]. If an endorsing municipality or endorsing county requests the office to make a determination under Section 478.0102 for an event described by Section 478.0001(3)(H) [~~478.0001(3)(G)~~], the remaining provisions of this chapter apply to that event as if the event satisfied the eligibility requirements under Section 478.0051(b)(1).

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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