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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility of the Concacaf Gold Cup for funding
3 under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

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

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

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

9 (A) the Academy of Country Music Awards;

10 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic
11 Games;

12 (C) the Breeders' Cup World Championships;

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

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

17 (F) an Elite Rodeo Association World
18 Championship;

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

20 (H) [~~(G)~~] the largest event held each year at a
21 sports entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating
22 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of at least
23 125,000;

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

1 Game;

2 (J) [~~(I)~~] the Major League Soccer All-Star Game

3 or the Major League Soccer Cup;

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

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

6 States;

7 (M) [~~(L)~~] the National Association for Stock Car

8 Auto Racing (NASCAR):

9 (i) All-Star Race; or

10 (ii) season-ending Championship Race;

11 (N) [~~(M)~~] the National Basketball Association

12 All-Star Game;

13 (O) [~~(N)~~] a National Collegiate Athletic

14 Association Final Four tournament game;

15 (P) [~~(O)~~] the National Collegiate Athletic

16 Association men's or women's lacrosse championships;

17 (Q) [~~(P)~~] a national collegiate championship of

18 an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the

19 sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee;

20 (R) [~~(Q)~~] the National Cutting Horse Association

21 Triple Crown;

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

23 Game;

24 (T) [~~(S)~~] a national political convention of the

25 Republican National Committee or the Democratic National

26 Committee;

27 (U) [~~(T)~~] an Olympic activity, including a

1 Junior or Senior activity, training program, or feeder program
2 sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee's Community
3 Olympic Development Program;

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

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

8 (X) [~~(W)~~] a Super Bowl;

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

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

12 (AA) [~~(Z)~~] the World Games; or

13 (BB) [~~(AA)~~] the X Games.

14 (7) "Site selection organization" means:

15 (A) the Academy of Country Music;

16 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union;

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

19 (D) the Commission on Presidential Debates;

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

22 (F) the Democratic National Committee;

23 (G) [~~(F)~~] Dorna Sports;

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

25 (I) [~~(H)~~] ESPN or an affiliate;

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

1 (K) [~~(J)~~] the International World Games
2 Association;
3 (L) [~~(K)~~] Major League Baseball;
4 (M) [~~(L)~~] Major League Soccer;
5 (N) [~~(M)~~] the National Association for Stock Car
6 Auto Racing (NASCAR);
7 (O) [~~(N)~~] the National Basketball Association;
8 (P) [~~(O)~~] the National Collegiate Athletic
9 Association;
10 (Q) [~~(P)~~] the National Cutting Horse
11 Association;
12 (R) [~~(Q)~~] the National Football League;
13 (S) [~~(R)~~] the National Hockey League;
14 (T) [~~(S)~~] the Professional Rodeo Cowboys
15 Association;
16 (U) [~~(T)~~] the Republican National Committee;
17 (V) [~~(U)~~] the Ultimate Fighting Championship;
18 (W) [~~(V)~~] the United States Golf Association;
19 (X) [~~(W)~~] the United States Olympic Committee;
20 or
21 (Y) [~~(X)~~] the national governing body of a sport
22 that is recognized by:
23 (i) the Federation Internationale de
24 l'Automobile;
25 (ii) Formula One Management Limited;
26 (iii) the National Thoroughbred Racing
27 Association; or

1 (iv) the United States Olympic Committee.

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

4 Sec. 478.0053. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY
5 REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN LARGE VENUES. Section 478.0051(b)(1) does
6 not apply to an event described by Section 478.0001(3)(H)
7 [~~478.0001(3)(G)~~]. If an endorsing municipality or endorsing county
8 requests the office to make a determination under Section 478.0102
9 for an event described by Section 478.0001(3)(H) [~~478.0001(3)(G)~~],
10 the remaining provisions of this chapter apply to that event as if
11 the event satisfied the eligibility requirements under Section
12 478.0051(b)(1).

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.