By:  West S.B. No. 874

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of the certain cricket events 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 (A) the Academy of Country Music Awards;

(B)  the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games;

(C)  a Big 12 Football Conference Championship game;

(D)  the Breeders' Cup World Championships;

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

(F)  a CONVRG conference;

(G)  an Elite Rodeo Association World Championship;

(H)  a Formula One automobile race;

(I)  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;

(J)  the Major League Baseball All-Star Game;

(K)  the Major League Soccer All-Star Game or the Major League Soccer Cup;

(L)  a mixed martial arts championship;

(M)  the Moto Grand Prix of the United States;

(N)  the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR):

(i)  All-Star Race; or

(ii)  season-ending Championship Race;

(O)  the National Basketball Association All-Star Game;

(P)  a National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four tournament game;

(Q)  the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's or women's lacrosse championships;

(R)  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;

(S)  the National Cutting Horse Association Triple Crown;

(T)  the National Hockey League All-Star Game;

(U)  a national political convention of the Republican National Committee or the Democratic National Committee;

(V)  a championship event in the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) Championship Series;

(W)  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;

(X)  a presidential general election debate;

(Y)  the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association National Finals Rodeo;

(Z)  a Super Bowl;

(AA) the United States Open Championship;

(BB) a World Cup soccer game or the World Cup soccer tournament;

(CC) the World Games;

(DD) a World Wrestling Entertainment WrestleMania event; or

(EE) the X Games; or

(FF) an individual match or competition or a series of matches or competitions including the T20 World Cup sanctioned by the International Cricket Council, USA Cricket, or Major League Cricket.

(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 Democratic National Committee;

(F)  Dorna Sports;

(G)  the Elite Rodeo Association;

(H)  ESPN or an affiliate;

(I)  the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA);

(J)  International Cricket Council, USA Cricket, or Major League Cricket;

(K)  the International World Games Association;

(K)  Major League Baseball;

(L)  Major League Soccer;

(M)  the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR);

(N)  the National Basketball Association;

(O)  the National Collegiate Athletic Association;

(P)  the National Cutting Horse Association;

(Q)  the National Football League;

(R)  the National Hockey League;

(S)  the National Hot Rod Association;

(T)  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)  the United States Olympic Committee; or

(Y)  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 478.0051, Government Code, as effective April 1, 2021, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 478.0051.  EVENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING. (a) Only an event listed in Section 478.0001(3) is eligible for funding under this chapter.

(b)  A listed event may receive funding through the program only if:

(1)  a site selection organization, after considering through a highly competitive selection process one or more sites not in this state, selects a site in this state for the event to be held:

(A)  one time; or

(B)  if the event is scheduled under an event contract or event support contract to be held each year for a period of years, one time in each year;

(2)  a site selection organization selects a site in this state as:

(A)  the sole site for the event; or

(B)  the sole site for the event in a region composed of this state and one or more adjoining states;

(3)  the event is held not more than one time in any year;

(4)  the incremental increase in tax receipts determined under Section 478.0102 is at least $1 million; and

(5)  not later than the 30th day before the first day of the event, a site selection organization submits a plan to prevent the trafficking of persons in connection with the event to:

(A)  the office of the attorney general; and

(B)  the chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

(c)  Notwithstanding subsection (b), an event described by (3)(FF) may receive funding through the program if a portion of the event takes place in another state or country or if the event is held multiple times per year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.