By:  Zaffirini S.B. No. 2325

(In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 22, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development; April 20, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 20, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Birdwell        X

Zaffirini       X

Alvarado        X

Blanco                    X

Hancock         X

Hughes          X

Kolkhorst       X

Miles           X

Sparks          X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain 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, 2023, 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) the [~~a~~] Formula One United States Grand Prix [~~automobile race~~];

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

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

(K)  a mixed martial arts championship;

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

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

(i)  All-Star Race; or

(ii)  season-ending Championship Race;

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

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

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

(Q)  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)  the National Cutting Horse Association Triple Crown;

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

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

(U)  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)  a presidential general election debate;

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

(X)  a Super Bowl;

(Y)  the United States Open Championship;

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

(AA) [~~(X)~~] the national governing body of a sport

(7)  "Site selection organization" means:

(A)  the Academy of Country Music;

(B)  the Amateur Athletic Union;

(C)  the Big 12 Conference;

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

(E)  the Commission on Presidential Debates;

(F)  the Democratic National Committee;

(G)  Dorna Sports;

(H)  the Elite Rodeo Association;

(I)  Encore Live;

(J)  ESPN or an affiliate;

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

(L)  the International World Games Association;

(M)  Major League Baseball;

(N)  Major League Soccer;

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

(P)  the National Basketball Association;

(Q)  the National Collegiate Athletic Association;

(R)  the National Cutting Horse Association;

(S)  the National Football League;

(T)  the National Hockey League;

(U)  the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA);

(V)  the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association;

(W)  the Republican National Committee;

(X)  the Ultimate Fighting Championship;

(Y)  the United States Golf Association;

(Z)  the United States Olympic Committee;

(AA)  World Wrestling Entertainment; or

(BB)  the national governing body of a sport that is recognized by:

(i)  the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile;

(ii)  Formula One Management Limited, or its successor;

(iii)  the National Thoroughbred Racing Association; or

(iv)  the United States Olympic Committee.

SECTION 2.  To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

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

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