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H.B. No. 2231

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. Section 478.0001(3), Government Code, as amended by Chapters 10 (H.B. 1472), 102 (S.B. 1265), 605 (S.B. 1155), and 915 (H.B. 3607), Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted and 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 Bassmaster Classic;

(D) a Big 12 Football Conference Championship game;

(E) [~~(D)~~] the Breeders' Cup World Championships;

(F) [~~(E)~~] a game of the College Football Playoff or its successor;

(G) [~~(F)~~] the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) Gold Cup;

(H) [~~(F)~~] a CONVRG conference;

(I) [~~(G)~~] an Elite Rodeo Association World Championship;

1 (J) a Federation Equestre Internationale World
2 Cup Final;

3 (K) a Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme
4 (FIM) World Supercross Championship race;

5 (L) [~~(H)~~] a Formula One automobile race;

6 (M) [~~(I)~~] the largest event held each year at a
7 sports entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating
8 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of at least
9 125,000 on September 1, 2021;

10 (N) [~~(J)~~] the Major League Baseball All-Star
11 Game;

12 (O) [~~(K)~~] the Major League Soccer All-Star Game
13 or the Major League Soccer Cup;

14 (P) [~~(I)~~] a mixed martial arts championship;

15 (Q) [~~(M)~~] the Moto Grand Prix of the United
16 States;

17 (R) [~~(N)~~] the National Association for Stock Car
18 Auto Racing (NASCAR):

19 (i) All-Star Race;

20 (ii) season-ending Championship Race; or

21 (iii) Texas Grand Prix race;

22 (S) [~~(O)~~] the National Basketball Association
23 All-Star Game;

24 (T) [~~(P)~~] a National Collegiate Athletic
25 Association Final Four tournament game;

26 (U) [~~(Q)~~] the National Collegiate Athletic
27 Association men's or women's lacrosse championships;

1 (V) [~~(R)~~] a national collegiate championship of
2 an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the
3 sport that is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee;

4 (W) [~~(S)~~] the National Cutting Horse Association
5 Triple Crown;

6 (X) [~~(T)~~] the National Hockey League All-Star
7 Game;

8 (Y) the National Hot Rod Association Fall
9 Nationals at the Texas Motorplex;

10 (Z) [~~(U)~~] a national political convention of the
11 Republican National Committee or the Democratic National
12 Committee;

13 (AA) [~~(V)~~] a championship event in the National
14 Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA) Championship Series;

15 (BB) [~~(W)~~] an Olympic activity, including a
16 Junior or Senior activity, training program, or feeder program
17 sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee's Community
18 Olympic Development Program;

19 (CC) [~~(X)~~] a presidential general election
20 debate;

21 (DD) the Professional Bull Riders World Finals;

22 (EE) [~~(Y)~~] the Professional Rodeo Cowboys
23 Association National Finals Rodeo;

24 (FF) [~~(Z)~~] a Super Bowl;

25 (GG) [~~(AA)~~] the United States Open Championship;

26 (HH) [~~(BB)~~] a World Cup soccer game or the World
27 Cup soccer tournament;

1 (II) [~~(CC)~~] the World Games;
2 (JJ) [~~(DD)~~] a World Wrestling Entertainment
3 WrestleMania event; or
4 (KK) [~~(EE)~~] the X Games.

5 SECTION 2. Section 478.0001(7), Government Code, as amended
6 by Chapters 10 (H.B. 1472), 102 (S.B. 1265), and 915 (H.B. 3607),
7 Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, is reenacted
8 and amended to read as follows:

9 (7) "Site selection organization" means:
10 (A) the Academy of Country Music;
11 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union;
12 (C) Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, LLC;
13 (D) the Big 12 Conference;
14 (E) [~~(D)~~] the College Football Playoff
15 Administration, LLC, or its successor;
16 (F) [~~(E)~~] the Commission on Presidential
17 Debates;
18 (G) the Confederation of North, Central America
19 and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf);
20 (H) [~~(F)~~] the Democratic National Committee;
21 (I) [~~(G)~~] Dorna Sports;
22 (J) [~~(H)~~] the Elite Rodeo Association;
23 (K) [~~(I)~~] Encore Live;
24 (L) [~~(J)~~] ESPN or an affiliate;
25 (M) the Federation Equestre Internationale
26 (FEI);
27 (N) [~~(K)~~] the Federation Internationale de

1 Football Association (FIFA);
2 (O) [~~(L)~~] the International World Games
3 Association;
4 (P) [~~(M)~~] Major League Baseball;
5 (Q) [~~(N)~~] Major League Soccer;
6 (R) [~~(O)~~] the National Association for Stock Car
7 Auto Racing (NASCAR);
8 (S) [~~(P)~~] the National Basketball Association;
9 (T) [~~(Q)~~] the National Collegiate Athletic
10 Association;
11 (U) [~~(R)~~] the National Cutting Horse
12 Association;
13 (V) [~~(S)~~] the National Football League;
14 (W) [~~(T)~~] the National Hockey League;
15 (X) the National Hot Rod Association;
16 (Y) [~~(U)~~] the National Reined Cow Horse
17 Association (NRCHA);
18 (Z) Professional Bull Riders, LLC;
19 (AA) [~~(V)~~] the Professional Rodeo Cowboys
20 Association;
21 (BB) [~~(W)~~] the Republican National Committee;
22 (CC) SX Global;
23 (DD) [~~(X)~~] the Ultimate Fighting Championship;
24 (EE) [~~(Y)~~] the United States Golf Association;
25 (FF) [~~(Z)~~] the United States Olympic Committee;
26 (GG) [~~(AA)~~] World Wrestling Entertainment; or
27 (HH) [~~(BB)~~] the national governing body of a

1 sport that is recognized by:

2 (i) the Federation Internationale de
3 l'Automobile;

4 (ii) Formula One Management Limited;

5 (iii) the National Thoroughbred Racing
6 Association; or

7 (iv) the United States Olympic Committee.

8 SECTION 3. Section 478.0053, Government Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Sec. 478.0053. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY
11 REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN LARGE VENUES. Section 478.0051(b)(1) does
12 not apply to an event described by Section 478.0001(3)(M)
13 [~~478.0001(3)(H)~~]. If an endorsing municipality or endorsing county
14 requests the office to make a determination under Section 478.0102
15 for an event described by Section
16 478.0001(3)(M) [~~478.0001(3)(H)~~], the remaining provisions of this
17 chapter apply to that event as if the event satisfied the
18 eligibility requirements under Section 478.0051(b)(1).

19 SECTION 4. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
20 over another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,
21 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
22 codes.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.