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H.B. No. 4811

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of the South by Southwest Conference and Festivals 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, 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 Bassmaster Classic;
- (D) a Big 12 Football Conference Championship game;
- (E) the Breeders' Cup World Championships;
- (F) the CMT (Country Music Television) Music Awards;
- (G) a game of the College Football Playoff or its successor;
- (H) the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) Gold Cup;
- (I) a CONVRG conference;
- (J) an Elite Rodeo Association World Championship;
- (K) a Federation Equestre Internationale World Cup Final;
- (L) a Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM)

- 1 World Supercross Championship race;
- 2 (M) the Formula One United States Grand Prix;
- 3 (N) the largest event held each year at a sports  
4 entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating  
5 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of at least  
6 125,000 on September 1, 2021;
- 7 (O) the Major League Baseball All-Star Game;
- 8 (P) the Major League Soccer All-Star Game or the Major  
9 League Soccer Cup;
- 10 (Q) a mixed martial arts championship;
- 11 (R) the Moto Grand Prix of the United States;
- 12 (S) the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing  
13 (NASCAR):
- 14 (i) All-Star Race;
- 15 (ii) season-ending Championship Race; or
- 16 (iii) Texas Grand Prix race;
- 17 (T) the National Basketball Association All-Star  
18 Game;
- 19 (U) a National Collegiate Athletic Association Final  
20 Four tournament game;
- 21 (V) the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's  
22 or women's lacrosse championships;
- 23 (W) a national collegiate championship of an amateur  
24 sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the sport that is  
25 recognized by the United States Olympic Committee;
- 26 (X) the National Cutting Horse Association Triple  
27 Crown;

1           (Y)   the National Hockey League All-Star Game;  
2           (Z)   the National Hot Rod Association Fall Nationals at  
3 the Texas Motorplex;  
4           (AA)   a national political convention of the Republican  
5 National Committee or the Democratic National Committee;  
6           (BB)   the National Reined Cow Horse Association (NRCHA)  
7 Championship Series;  
8           (CC)   an Olympic activity, including a Junior or Senior  
9 activity, training program, or feeder program sanctioned by the  
10 United States Olympic Committee's Community Olympic Development  
11 Program;  
12           (DD)   a presidential general election debate;  
13           (EE)   the Professional Bull Riders World Finals;  
14           (FF)   the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association  
15 National Finals Rodeo;  
16           (GG)   a series of cricket matches or competitions  
17 within the T20 World Cup;  
18           (HH)   the South by Southwest Conference and Festivals;  
19           ~~(II)~~   a Super Bowl;  
20           ~~(JJ)~~   ~~[(II)]~~   the United States Open Championship;  
21           ~~(KK)~~   ~~[(JJ)]~~   a World Cup soccer game or the World Cup  
22 soccer tournament;  
23           ~~(LL)~~   ~~[(KK)]~~   the World Games;  
24           ~~(MM)~~   ~~[(LL)]~~   a World Wrestling Entertainment  
25 WrestleMania event; or  
26           ~~(NN)~~   ~~[(MM)]~~   the X Games.  
27           (7)   "Site selection organization" means:

- 1 (A) the Academy of Country Music;
- 2 (B) the Amateur Athletic Union;
- 3 (C) Bass Anglers Sportsman Society, LLC;
- 4 (D) the Big 12 Conference;
- 5 (E) CMT (Country Music Television) Productions Inc.;
- 6 (F) the College Football Playoff Administration, LLC,
- 7 or its successor;
- 8 (G) the Commission on Presidential Debates;
- 9 (H) the Confederation of North, Central America and
- 10 Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf);
- 11 (I) the Democratic National Committee;
- 12 (J) Dorna Sports;
- 13 (K) the Elite Rodeo Association;
- 14 (L) Encore Live;
- 15 (M) ESPN or an affiliate;
- 16 (N) the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI);
- 17 (O) the Federation Internationale de Football
- 18 Association (FIFA);
- 19 (P) the International Cricket Council;
- 20 (Q) the International World Games Association;
- 21 (R) Major League Baseball;
- 22 (S) Major League Soccer;
- 23 (T) the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing
- 24 (NASCAR);
- 25 (U) the National Basketball Association;
- 26 (V) the National Collegiate Athletic Association;
- 27 (W) the National Cutting Horse Association;

(X) the National Football League;  
(Y) the National Hockey League;  
(Z) the National Hot Rod Association;  
(AA) the National Reined Cow Horse Association  
(NRCHA);  
(BB) Professional Bull Riders, LLC;  
(CC) the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association;  
(DD) the Republican National Committee;  
(EE) South by Southwest;  
(FF) SX Global;  
(GG) [~~(FF)~~] the Ultimate Fighting Championship;  
(HH) [~~(GG)~~] the United States Golf Association;  
(II) [~~(HH)~~] the United States Olympic Committee;  
(JJ) [~~(II)~~] World Wrestling Entertainment; or  
(KK) [~~(JJ)~~] 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. Section [478.0053](#), Government Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

Sec. 478.0053. EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY  
REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN LARGE VENUES. Section [478.0051](#)(b)(1) does

1 not apply to an event described by Section [478.0001](#)(3)(N) or (HH).  
2 If an endorsing municipality or endorsing county requests the  
3 office to make a determination under Section [478.0102](#) for an event  
4 described by Section [478.0001](#)(3)(N) or (HH), the remaining  
5 provisions of this chapter apply to that event as if the event  
6 satisfied the eligibility requirements under Section  
7 [478.0051](#)(b)(1).

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.