

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of events, including certain NASCAR events, to receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5A(a)(4), Chapter 1507 (S.B. 456), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Event" means a Super Bowl, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four tournament game, the National Basketball Association All-Star Game, the X Games, the National Hockey League All-Star Game, the Major League Baseball All-Star Game, a game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Bowl Championship Series or its successor or a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason playoff or championship game, the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's or women's lacrosse championships, a World Cup Soccer game, the World Cup soccer tournament, the Major League Soccer All-Star Game, the Major League Soccer Cup, the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association National Finals Rodeo, an Elite Rodeo Association World Championship, the United States Open Championship, the World Games, 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, an

1 Olympic activity, including a Junior or Senior activity, training
2 program, or feeder program sanctioned by the United States Olympic
3 Committee's Community Olympic Development Program, the Amateur
4 Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games, a mixed martial arts
5 championship, the Breeders' Cup World Championships, a Formula One
6 automobile race, the Moto Grand Prix of the United States, the
7 National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) All-Star
8 Race, the season-ending Championship Race for the National
9 Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR), the Academy of
10 Country Music Awards, the National Cutting Horse Association Triple
11 Crown, a national political convention of the Republican National
12 Committee or the Democratic National Committee, a presidential
13 general election debate, or the largest event held each year at a
14 sports entertainment venue in this state with a permanent seating
15 capacity, including grandstand and premium seating, of not less
16 than 125,000. The term includes any activities related to or
17 associated with an event.

18 SECTION 2. Section 5A, Chapter 1507 (S.B. 456), Acts of the
19 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999 (Article [5190.14](#), Vernon's
20 Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by amending Subsection (a-1) and
21 adding Subsection (a-4) to read as follows:

22 (a-1) An event not listed in Subsection (a)(4) of this
23 section is ineligible for funding under this section. A listed
24 event may receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement
25 Program under this section only if:

26 (1) a site selection organization selects a site
27 located in this state for the event to be held one time or, for an

1 event scheduled to be held each year for a period of years under an
2 event contract, or an event support contract, one time each year for
3 the period of years, after considering, through a highly
4 competitive selection process, one or more sites that are not
5 located in this state;

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

8 (A) the sole site for the event; or

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

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

13 (4) the amount of the incremental increase in tax
14 receipts determined by the department under Subsection (b) of this
15 section equals or exceeds \$1 million, provided that for an event
16 scheduled to be held each year for a period of years under an event
17 contract or event support contract, the incremental increase in tax
18 receipts shall be calculated as if the event did not occur in the
19 prior year; and

20 (5) not later than the 30th day before the first day of
21 the event, a site selection organization submits a plan to prevent
22 the trafficking of persons in connection with the event to the
23 office of the attorney general and the chief of the Texas Division
24 of Emergency Management.

25 (a-4) The office of the attorney general may:

26 (1) distribute the plan required under Subsection
27 (a-1)(5) of this section to appropriate law enforcement agencies

1 and to the office of the governor; and

2 (2) publish the plan on the office's Internet website.

3 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
4 to a request submitted by a local organizing committee, endorsing
5 municipality, or endorsing county under Section 5A, Chapter 1507
6 (S.B. 456), Acts of the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999
7 (Article 5190.14, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), on or after the
8 effective date of this Act. A request submitted under Section 5A
9 before that date is governed by the law in effect on the date the
10 request is submitted, and that law is continued in effect for that
11 purpose.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3294 was passed by the House on May 8, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 21, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3294 on May 25, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 22, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3294 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor