

## Chapter 610

H.B. No. 3294

### AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the eligibility of events, including certain NASCAR  
3 events, to receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement  
4 Program.

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

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

9 (4) "Event" means a Super Bowl, a National Collegiate  
10 Athletic Association Final Four tournament game, the National  
11 Basketball Association All-Star Game, the X Games, the National  
12 Hockey League All-Star Game, the Major League Baseball All-Star  
13 Game, a game of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Bowl  
14 Championship Series or its successor or a National Collegiate  
15 Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision  
16 postseason playoff or championship game, the National Collegiate  
17 Athletic Association men's or women's lacrosse championships, a  
18 World Cup Soccer game, the World Cup soccer tournament, the Major  
19 League Soccer All-Star Game, the Major League Soccer Cup, the  
20 Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association National Finals Rodeo, an  
21 Elite Rodeo Association World Championship, the United States Open  
22 Championship, the World Games, a national collegiate championship  
23 of an amateur sport sanctioned by the national governing body of the  
24 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:

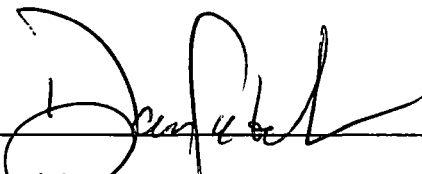
26 (1) distribute the plan required under Subsection  
27 (a-1)(5) of this section to appropriate law enforcement agencies

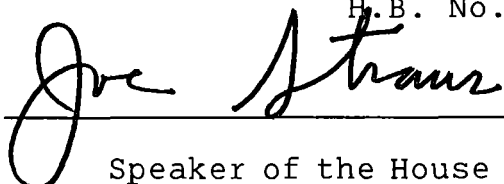
1 and to the office of the governor; and

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.

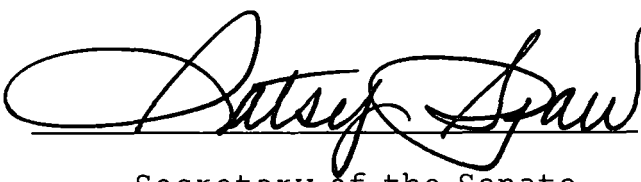
  
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President of the Senate

  
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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.

  
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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.

  
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Secretary of the Senate


APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor

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**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 23, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3294** by Parker (Relating to the eligibility of certain NASCAR events to receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time. The fiscal impact would depend on the number and size of events covered under the bill.</p>
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The bill would amend Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes relating to the eligibility of certain National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) events to receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program (MERP). Eligibility for participation in the MERP is limited to those events listed in statute, provided that the site selection organization selecting a site is also listed in statute.

The bill would expand the number of events eligible to receive funding through the MERP. The specific fiscal impact to the state is unknown as the size and number of events that would become eligible and held in this state is unknown.

The bill would require the site selection organization to submit a plan to prevent human trafficking in connection with the event to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and require the OAG to distribute the plan to certain entities and publish the plan on the OAG website. This analysis assumes administrative duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources of the OAG.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 300 Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor

**LBB Staff:** UP, LBe, SZ, CL, NV

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 11, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB3294** by Parker (Relating to the eligibility of certain NASCAR events to receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program.), **As Engrossed**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 9, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Angie Chen Button, Chair, House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB3294** by Parker (Relating to the eligibility of certain NASCAR events to receive funding through the Major Events Reimbursement Program.), **As Introduced**

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