

SENATE BILL NO. 162

BY SENATOR HENRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 51:2365.1(A)(5) and to enact R.S. 51:2365.1(B)(4), relative to the Major Events Incentive Program and the Major Events Incentive Program Subfund; to redefine qualified event; to provide for uses of fund monies; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 51:2365.1(A)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 51:2365.1(B)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2365.1. Major Events Incentive Program and the Major Events Incentive Program Subfund

A. As used in this Section:

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(5) "Qualified event" or "qualified major event" means a National Football League Super Bowl, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Final Four tournament game, the National Basketball Association All-Star Game, the X Games, a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Bowl Subdivision postseason ~~playoff or championship~~ game, a college tournament or 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 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, a mixed martial arts championship, the Breeders' Cup World Championships, a Bassmasters Classic, a National Motorsports race, the Red Bull Signature Series, a National Collegiate Athletic Association football kickoff game, a national championship or Olympic

1 trials of an amateur or professional sport sanctioned by the national governing body
 2 of the sport, the United States Bowling Congress Tournament, the WWE
 3 WrestleMania, the Bayou Classic, the Essence Festival, the Zurich Classic, a national
 4 military event, a national political convention of the Republican National Committee
 5 or of the Democratic National Committee, or any National Collegiate Athletic
 6 Association conference, convention, or conference media event, including
 7 conference media days. The term includes any activities related to or associated with
 8 a qualified event.

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12 **(4) Monies in the fund shall be appropriated and used to provide**
 13 **funding for entities within the state for the costs associated with attracting,**
 14 **hosting, and staging major events of areawide, statewide, regional, national, or**
 15 **international prominence. Such funding shall require prior approval of the**
 16 **Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____