

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Fall Nationals is a four-day event hosted at the Texas Motorplex. Out of 26 total events in the racing season, the NHRA Fall Nationals is one of the final six national "playoff" races collectively called the Countdown to the Championship, which culminates in the season finale. Texas competes with tracks in North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Washington, and others to be selected for a spot in the Countdown to the Championship. The Texas Motorplex annually receives 60,000-plus fans the week of the race who travel from all over the world, and another 700 race teams come that week to compete.

S.B. 1265 seeks to allow the NHRA Fall Nationals at the Texas Motorplex to participate in the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

As proposed, S.B. 1265 amends current law relating to the eligibility of the National Hot Rod Association Fall Nationals at the Texas Motorplex for funding under the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 478.0001(3) and (7), Government Code, as effective April 1, 2021, as follows:

(3) Redefines "event" in Chapter 478 (Major Events Reimbursement Program) to include the National Hot Rod Association Fall Nationals at the Texas Motorplex and any related or associated activity. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(7) Redefines "site selection organization" in Chapter 478 to include the National Hot Rod Association. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.