

SUBJECT: Adding certain hot rod race to Major Events Reimbursement Program

COMMITTEE: Culture, Recreation, and Tourism — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 8 ayes — Cyrier, Martinez, Bucy, Holland, Jarvis Johnson, Kacal,
Morrison, Toth

0 nays

1 absent — Gervin-Hawkins

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, April 17 — 29-2 (Hughes, Kolkhorst), on Local and
Uncontested calendar

WITNESSES: For — Rob Ramage, Texas Motor Speedway; (*Registered, but did not
testify*: TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth; Nilesh Patel, Texas Hotel and
Lodging Association)

Against — None

BACKGROUND: VTCS art. 5190.14, sec. 5A establishes the Major Events Reimbursement
Program, which allows local governments and organizing committees to
apply to the state for the establishment of a fund to help pay for eligible
costs of specific events, including events at sites selected by a site
selection organization.

DIGEST: CSSB 2182 would add the AAA Texas National Hot Rod Association
(NHRA) Fall Nationals as an event eligible to receive funding through the
Major Events Reimbursement Program and would make the NHRA a site
selection organization.

The bill would specify that, with respect to the eligible event held at a
sports entertainment venue with a seating capacity of at least 125,000, the
venue had that capacity as of September 1, 2019.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

NOTES: According to the Legislative Budget Board, the fiscal implications of the bill could not be determined and would depend on the number and size of events covered by the bill.