
DIGEST

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Abstract: Expands eligibility of the Major Events Incentive Program to include the French Quarter Festival and the Fried Chicken Festival.

Present law creates the Major Events Incentive Program to fund qualified major events.

Present law establishes the Major Events Incentive Fund as a source of funding for the program and provides for administration by La. Economic Development.

Present law defines a qualified major event as one of the events listed in present law, including but not limited to the Essence Festival, the State Fair of La., and the Boots on the Bayou music festival, as well as any activities related to or associated with the event.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the French Quarter Festival and the Fried Chicken Festival to the list of qualified major events eligible for the Major Events Incentive Program.

(Adds R.S. 51:1260(C)(5)(hh) and (ii))