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AN ACT

To require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Transparency In
5 Charges for Key Events Ticketing Act” or the “TICKET
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. ALL INCLUSIVE TICKET PRICE DISCLOSURE.**

8 Beginning 180 days after the date of the enactment
9 of this Act, it shall be unlawful for a ticket issuer, sec-

1 ondary market ticket issuer, or secondary market ticket
2 exchange to offer for sale an event ticket unless the ticket
3 issuer, secondary market ticket issuer, or secondary mar-
4 ket ticket exchange—

5 (1) clearly and conspicuously displays the total
6 event ticket price, if a price is displayed, in any ad-
7 vertisement, marketing, or price list wherever the
8 ticket is offered for sale;

9 (2) clearly and conspicuously discloses to any
10 individual who seeks to purchase an event ticket the
11 total event ticket price at the time the ticket is first
12 displayed to the individual and anytime thereafter
13 throughout the ticket purchasing process; and

14 (3) provides an itemized list of the base event
15 ticket price and each event ticket fee prior to the
16 completion of the ticket purchasing process.

17 **SEC. 3. SPECULATIVE TICKETING BAN.**

18 (a) PROHIBITION.—Beginning 180 days after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, a ticket issuer, sec-
20 ondary market ticket issuer, or secondary market ticket
21 exchange that does not have actual or constructive posses-
22 sion of an event ticket shall not sell, offer for sale, or ad-
23 vertise for sale such event ticket.

24 (b) SERVICES PERMITTED.—Notwithstanding sub-
25 section (a), a secondary market ticket issuer or secondary

1 market ticket exchange may sell, offer for sale, or adver-
2 tise for sale a service to an individual to obtain an event
3 ticket on behalf of such individual if the secondary market
4 ticket issuer or secondary market ticket exchange complies
5 with the following:

6 (1) Does not market or list the service as an
7 event ticket.

8 (2) Maintains a clear, distinct, and easily dis-
9 cernible separation between the service and event
10 tickets that persists throughout the entire service se-
11 lection and purchasing process.

12 (3) Clearly and conspicuously discloses before
13 selection of the service that the service is not an
14 event ticket and that the purchase of the service
15 does not guarantee an event ticket.

16 **SEC. 4. DISCLOSURES.**

17 A ticket issuer, secondary market ticket issuer, or
18 secondary market ticket exchange—

19 (1) if offering an event ticket for resale, shall
20 provide a clear and conspicuous statement, before a
21 consumer purchases the event ticket from the ticket
22 issuer, secondary market ticket issuer, or secondary
23 market ticket exchange, that the issuer or exchange
24 is engaged in the secondary sale of event tickets;

1 (2) shall not state that the ticket issuer, sec-
2 ondary market ticket issuer, or secondary market
3 ticket exchange is affiliated with or endorsed by a
4 venue, team, or artist, as applicable, including by
5 using words like “official” in promotional materials,
6 social media promotions, or paid advertising, unless
7 a partnership agreement has been executed or the
8 issuer or exchange has the express written consent
9 of the venue, team, or artist, as applicable; and

10 (3) shall not include the name of the venue, in-
11 cluding any misspelling of any such name, in a do-
12 main name, or any subdomain thereof, in the URL
13 of the secondary market ticket issuer or secondary
14 market ticket exchange unless authorized by the
15 owner of the venue.

16 **SEC. 5. REFUND REQUIREMENTS.**

17 (a) CANCELLATION.—Beginning 180 days after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, if an event is canceled
19 or postponed (except for a case in which an event is can-
20 celed or postponed due to a cause beyond the reasonable
21 control of the issuer, including a natural disaster, civil dis-
22 turbance, or otherwise unforeseeable impediment), a ticket
23 issuer, secondary market ticket issuer, or secondary mar-
24 ket ticket exchange shall provide the purchaser of an event

1 ticket from the issuer or exchange for the canceled or post-
2 poned event, at a minimum—

3 (1) if the event is cancelled, a full refund for
4 the total event ticket price;

5 (2) subject to availability, if the event is post-
6 poned for not more than 6 months and the original
7 event ticket is no longer valid for entry to the re-
8 scheduled event, a replacement event ticket for the
9 rescheduled event in the same or a comparable loca-
10 tion once the event has been rescheduled; or

11 (3) if the event is postponed for more than 6
12 months, at the option of the purchaser—

13 (A) a full refund for the total event ticket
14 price; or

15 (B) if the original event ticket is no longer
16 valid for entry to the rescheduled event, a re-
17 placement event ticket for the rescheduled event
18 in the same or a comparable location once the
19 event has been rescheduled.

20 (b) DISCLOSURE OF GUARANTEE AND REFUND POL-
21 ICY REQUIRED.—Beginning 180 days after the date of the
22 enactment of this Act, a ticket issuer, secondary market
23 ticket issuer, or secondary market ticket exchange shall
24 disclose clearly and conspicuously to a purchaser before
25 the completion of an event ticket sale the guarantee or

1 refund policy of such ticket issuer, secondary market tick-
2 et issuer, or secondary market ticket exchange, including
3 under what circumstances any refund issued will include
4 a refund of any event ticket fee.

5 (c) DISCLOSURE OF HOW TO OBTAIN A REFUND RE-
6 QUIRED.—Beginning 180 days after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this Act, a ticket issuer, secondary market ticket
8 issuer, or secondary market ticket exchange shall provide
9 a clear and conspicuous explanation of how to obtain a
10 refund of the total event ticket price.

11 **SEC. 6. REPORT BY THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ON**
12 **BOTS ACT OF 2016 ENFORCEMENT.**

13 Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
14 ment of this Act, the Commission shall submit to Congress
15 a report on enforcement of the Better Online Ticket Sales
16 Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–274; 15 U.S.C. 45c), includ-
17 ing any enforcement action taken, challenges with enforce-
18 ment and coordination with State Attorneys General, and
19 recommendations on how to improve enforcement and in-
20 dustry compliance.

21 **SEC. 7. ENFORCEMENT.**

22 (a) UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACT OR PRACTICE.—A
23 violation of this Act shall be treated as a violation of a
24 rule defining an unfair or deceptive act or practice under

1 section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act
2 (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)).

3 (b) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall en-
5 force this Act in the same manner, by the same
6 means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and
7 duties as though all applicable terms and provisions
8 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41
9 et seq.) were incorporated into and made a part of
10 this Act.

11 (2) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.—Any person
12 who violates this Act shall be subject to the penalties
13 and entitled to the privileges and immunities pro-
14 vided in the Federal Trade Commission Act (15
15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.).

16 (3) AUTHORITY PRESERVED.—Nothing in this
17 Act shall be construed to limit the authority of the
18 Commission under any other provision of law.

19 **SEC. 8. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act:

21 (1) ARTIST.—The term “artist” means any per-
22 former, musician, comedian, producer, ensemble or
23 production entity of a theatrical production, sports
24 team owner, or similar person.

1 (2) **BASE EVENT TICKET PRICE.**—The term
2 “base event ticket price” means, with respect to an
3 event ticket, the price of the event ticket excluding
4 the cost of any event ticket fees.

5 (3) **COMMISSION.**—The term “Commission”
6 means the Federal Trade Commission.

7 (4) **EVENT.**—The term “event” means any live
8 concert, theatrical performance, sporting event,
9 show, or similarly scheduled live activity, that is—

10 (A) taking place in a venue with a seating
11 or attendance capacity exceeding 200 persons;

12 (B) open to the general public; and

13 (C) promoted, advertised, or marketed in
14 interstate commerce, or for which event tickets
15 are generally sold or distributed in interstate
16 commerce.

17 (5) **EVENT TICKET; TICKET ISSUER.**—The
18 terms “event ticket” and “ticket issuer” have the
19 meaning given those terms in the Better Online
20 Ticket Sales Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–274).

21 (6) **EVENT TICKET FEE.**—The term “event
22 ticket fee”—

23 (A) means a charge for an event ticket
24 that must be paid in addition to the base event
25 ticket price in order to obtain an event ticket

1 from a ticket issuer, secondary market ticket
2 issuer, or secondary market ticket exchange, in-
3 cluding any service fee, charge and order proc-
4 essing fee, delivery fee, facility charge fee, tax,
5 and any other charge; and

6 (B) does not include any charge or fee for
7 an optional product or service associated with
8 the event that may be selected by a purchaser
9 of an event ticket.

10 (7) OPTIONAL PRODUCT OR SERVICE.—The
11 term “optional product or service” means a product
12 or service that an individual does not need to pur-
13 chase to use or take possession of an event ticket.

14 (8) RESALE; SECONDARY SALE.—The terms
15 “resale” and “secondary sale” mean any sale of an
16 event ticket that occurs after the initial sale of the
17 event ticket by a ticket issuer.

18 (9) SECONDARY MARKET TICKET EXCHANGE.—
19 The term “secondary market ticket exchange”
20 means any person that in the regular course of trade
21 or business of that person operates a platform or ex-
22 change for advertising, listing, or selling resale tick-
23 ets, on behalf of itself, vendors, or a secondary mar-
24 ket ticket issuer.

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