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AN ACT

Amending the act of May 2, 1947 (P.L.143, No.62), entitled "An

act regulating the sale and resale for profit and the 3 carrying on of the business of selling or reselling tickets or other devices for admission to places of amusement; providing for the licensing of persons reselling such tickets for profit; providing for the suspension and revocation of 6 7 such licenses; imposing duties on licensees and owners or 8 operators of places of amusement; imposing powers and duties on the Department of Revenue, county treasurers, district 9 attorneys, and the receiver of taxes, and city solicitors in 10 cities of the first class; making disposition of moneys 11 12 collected and providing penalties," further providing for 13 reselling of tickets and for printing prices on tickets. 14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 15 hereby enacts as follows: 16 Section 1. Sections 2 and 11 of the act of May 2, 1947 17 (P.L.143, No.62), entitled "An act regulating the sale and resale for profit and the carrying on of the business of selling 19 or reselling tickets or other devices for admission to places of 20 amusement; providing for the licensing of persons reselling such 21 tickets for profit; providing for the suspension and revocation of such licenses; imposing duties on licensees and owners or 22 23 operators of places of amusement; imposing powers and duties on

- 1 the Department of Revenue, county treasurers, district
- 2 attorneys, and the receiver of taxes, and city solicitors in
- 3 cities of the first class; making disposition of moneys
- 4 collected and providing penalties, amended June 29, 1990
- 5 (P.L.263, No.62), are amended to read:
- 6 Section 2. Reselling of Tickets; Licenses. --
- 7 (a) [No] <u>Subject to subsection (c), no person shall purchase</u>
- 8 with intent to resell, resell or engage in or continue in the
- 9 business of reselling any tickets of admission, or any other
- 10 evidence of the right of entry to any place of amusement, at a
- 11 price higher than the marked ticket price fixed by the owners of
- 12 such place of amusement, without having first obtained a license
- 13 to so resell or engage in such business from the licensor of the
- 14 county or city in which such person intends to conduct such
- 15 business as hereinafter provided, and no person shall so resell
- 16 or conduct such a business during any period of suspension or
- 17 revocation of his license.
- 18 (b) An owner may reserve the right to sell again a ticket in
- 19 case of default in payment of the purchase money by the
- 20 purchaser.
- 21 (c) The provisions of this act shall neither restrict nor
- 22 otherwise apply to, nor shall make illegal, the resale, offering
- 23 at resale or purchase of a ticket to any amusement or place of
- 24 amusement through an Internet website, to serve as the means
- 25 through which resales and purchases can be made. A reseller that
- 26 <u>uses the Internet website shall not be required to obtain a</u>
- 27 license to resell through the Internet website if the operator
- 28 <u>of the Internet website:</u>
- 29 (1) Has a business presence and physical street address in
- 30 this Commonwealth and clearly and conspicuously posts that

- 1 address on the Internet website.
- 2 (2) Guarantees to all purchasers that it will provide, and
- 3 in fact provides, a full refund of the amount paid by the
- 4 purchaser, including all fees, regardless of how characterized,
- 5 if any of the following occur:
- 6 (i) The amusement is canceled. If the amusement is canceled,
- 7 reasonable handling and delivery fees need not be refunded as
- 8 long as the previously disclosed guarantee specifies that the
- 9 fees will not be refunded.
- 10 (ii) The ticket received by the purchaser does not allow the
- 11 purchaser to enter the amusement, for reasons including the fact
- 12 that the ticket is counterfeit or has been canceled by the
- 13 <u>issuer due to nonpayment, unless the ticket is canceled due to</u>
- 14 an act or omission by the purchaser.
- 15 (iii) The ticket fails to conform to its description on the
- 16 <u>Internet website</u>.
- 17 Section 11. Printing Prices on Tickets.--
- 18 The owner of every place of amusement shall, if a price be
- 19 charged for admission thereto, cause to be plainly stamped or
- 20 printed or written on the face of every ticket to be so used,
- 21 the established price. Such owner shall likewise cause to be
- 22 plainly stamped, printed or written on the face of each such
- 23 ticket the maximum premium, which shall not exceed twenty-five
- 24 percent (25%) of the price of the ticket or the sum of five
- 25 dollars (\$5.00), whichever shall be more, plus lawful taxes, at
- 26 which such ticket may be resold or offered for resale, other
- 27 than under section 2(c).
- 28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.