
By: **Delegate Kagan**
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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection - Tickets for Entertainment and Sporting Events -**
3 **Fees**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a seller, reseller, or broker of tickets in the State from
5 selling or reselling a ticket for an entertainment or sporting event at a cost that
6 exceeds a certain percentage of the face amount of the ticket; limiting the
7 amount of the service fee or other charge that a seller, reseller, or broker of
8 tickets may impose for tickets that are provided to the public at no charge;
9 requiring a seller, reseller, or broker of tickets in the State to disclose certain
10 information to the purchaser of a ticket for an entertainment or sporting event,
11 to have certain information imprinted on the ticket or on the receipt evidencing
12 the ticket sale, and to disclose certain information in certain advertisements for
13 an entertainment or sporting event; defining certain terms; and generally
14 relating to the sale of tickets for entertainment and sporting events.

15 BY adding to
16 Article - Commercial Law
17 Section 13-319
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article - Commercial Law**

23 13-319.

24 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
25 INDICATED.

26 (2) "ENTERTAINMENT OR SPORTING EVENT" MEANS A SPORTING EVENT,
27 THEATRICAL EXHIBITION, MUSEUM EXHIBITION, ART GALLERY EXHIBITION, OR ANY
28 OTHER EXHIBITION, PUBLIC SHOW, OR PUBLIC AMUSEMENT.

1 (3) "TICKET" INCLUDES ANY EVIDENCE OF A RIGHT OF ENTRY TO AN
2 ENTERTAINMENT OR SPORTING EVENT.

3 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A SELLER,
4 RESELLER, OR BROKER OF TICKETS IN THE STATE MAY NOT SELL OR RESELL A
5 TICKET FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT OR SPORTING EVENT AT A COST THAT EXCEEDS
6 10% OF THE FACE AMOUNT OF THE TICKET.

7 (2) IF TICKETS FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT OR SPORTING EVENT ARE
8 PROVIDED TO THE PUBLIC AT NO CHARGE, A SELLER, RESELLER, OR BROKER OF
9 TICKETS MAY NOT IMPOSE A SERVICE FEE OR OTHER CHARGE THAT EXCEEDS \$2.50
10 PER TICKET.

11 (C) A SELLER, RESELLER, OR BROKER OF TICKETS IN THE STATE:

12 (1) SHALL DISCLOSE TO A PURCHASER OF A TICKET FOR AN
13 ENTERTAINMENT OR SPORTING EVENT, PRIOR TO SALE OF THE TICKET, ANY FEE,
14 ASSESSMENT, OR OTHER CHARGE IMPOSED IN EXCESS OF THE FACE AMOUNT OF
15 THE TICKET;

16 (2) SHALL HAVE IMPRINTED, ON THE TICKET OR ON THE RECEIPT
17 EVIDENCING THE TICKET SALE, THE AMOUNT OF ANY FEE, ASSESSMENT, OR OTHER
18 CHARGE IMPOSED IN EXCESS OF THE FACE AMOUNT OF THE TICKET; AND

19 (3) SHALL DISCLOSE, IN ANY PRINTED OR ELECTRONIC
20 ADVERTISEMENT FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT OR SPORTING EVENT, THE AMOUNT OF
21 ANY FEE, ASSESSMENT, OR OTHER CHARGE IMPOSED IN EXCESS OF THE FACE
22 AMOUNT OF A TICKET FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT OR SPORTING EVENT.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 1998.