

# HOUSE BILL 670

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By: **Delegates Frick, Barkley, Kelly, Lam, and Zucker**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commercial Law – Consumer Protection – Ticket Transfers**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a ticket seller or an operator of a ticket seller's Web site  
4 from prohibiting the transfer of a certain ticket, requiring an additional fee for the  
5 transfer of a certain ticket, or requiring a purchaser of a ticket to present certain  
6 identification or a certain credit card to gain entry to an entertainment event unless  
7 a certain notice is provided; providing for the application of this Act; and generally  
8 relating to the purchase and transfer of tickets.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Commercial Law  
11 Section 14–4001  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Commercial Law  
16 Section 14–4002.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Commercial Law**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 14-4001.

2 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (b) (1) "Entertainment event" means:

4 (i) A performance;

5 (ii) A recreation;

6 (iii) An amusement;

7 (iv) A diversion;

8 (v) A spectacle;

9 (vi) A show; or

10 (vii) Any similar event.

11 (2) "Entertainment event" includes:

12 (i) A theatrical or musical performance;

13 (ii) A concert;

14 (iii) A film;

15 (iv) A game;

16 (v) A ride; and

17 (vi) A sporting event.

18 (c) "Ticket" means a ticket for admission to an entertainment event.

19 14-4002.1.

20 ~~**(A)**~~ **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A TICKET SELLER OR AN OPERATOR**  
21 **OF A TICKET SELLER'S WEB SITE WHO REQUIRES A PURCHASER TO PRESENT**  
22 **IDENTIFICATION AT A TICKET OFFICE OR WINDOW TO CLAIM A TICKET THAT WAS**  
23 **PAID FOR IN ADVANCE AND HELD FOR PICK UP.**

24 **(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A TICKET**  
25 **SELLER OR AN OPERATOR OF A TICKET SELLER'S WEB SITE MAY NOT:**

1           **(1) PROHIBIT THE TRANSFER OF A TICKET BY THE PURCHASER TO**  
2 **ANOTHER PERSON;**

3           **(2) REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE TRANSFER OF A TICKET**  
4 **BY THE PURCHASER TO ANOTHER PERSON; OR**

5           **(3) REQUIRE THE PURCHASER OF A TICKET TO PRESENT TO GAIN**  
6 **ENTRY TO THE ENTERTAINMENT EVENT:**

7                   **(i) A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION OF THE PURCHASER; OR**

8                   **(ii) THE CREDIT CARD ORIGINALLY USED TO PURCHASE THE**  
9 **TICKET.**

10           **(C) A TICKET SELLER OR AN OPERATOR OF A TICKET SELLER’S WEB SITE**  
11 **MAY TAKE THE ACTIONS SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IF THE**  
12 **TICKET SELLER OR OPERATOR PROVIDES A CLEAR AND CONSPICUOUS NOTICE TO**  
13 **THE PURCHASER DESCRIBING THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON THE PURCHASER’S**  
14 **TICKET BEFORE THE PURCHASER COMPLETES THE PURCHASE OF A TICKET.**

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.