

HOUSE BILL 670

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Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2015

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

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; and
7 generally relating to the purchase and transfer of tickets.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Commercial Law

10 Section 14–4001

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Commercial Law

15 Section 14–4002.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Commercial Law**

21 14–4001.

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

23 (b) (1) “Entertainment event” means:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) A performance;
- 2 (ii) A recreation;
- 3 (iii) An amusement;
- 4 (iv) A diversion;
- 5 (v) A spectacle;
- 6 (vi) A show; or
- 7 (vii) Any similar event.

8 (2) "Entertainment event" includes:

- 9 (i) A theatrical or musical performance;
- 10 (ii) A concert;
- 11 (iii) A film;
- 12 (iv) A game;
- 13 (v) A ride; and
- 14 (vi) A sporting event.

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

16 **14-4002.1.**

17 **A TICKET SELLER OR AN OPERATOR OF A TICKET SELLER'S WEB SITE MAY**
18 **NOT:**

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

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

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

25 **(I) A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION OF THE PURCHASER; OR**

1 **(II) THE CREDIT CARD ORIGINALLY USED TO PURCHASE THE**
2 **TICKET.**

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