



**HB77 Consumer Protection-Sale and Resale of Tickets-Registration and Regulation  
Position: FWA**

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The Honorable Kris Valderrama, Chair  
Economic Matters Committee  
Room 230, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
cc: Members, House Economic Matters

Chair Valderrama and Members of the Committee:

We appreciate the intent behind HB77 but believe that it falls short in offering the robust protection that ticket-buyers need in this increasingly complex marketplace.

Economic Action Maryland Fund has been working on legislation to improve transparency, pricing, and eliminate the use of bots and other technologies that distort the ticket-buying market for more than a decade.

We believe that ticket buyers and sellers need clear guidelines and guardrails to protect both. In 2024, the General Assembly passed SB539<sup>1</sup> which provides strong protections for all-in pricing, bans speculative tickets and makes resale platforms accountable for any speculative tickets sold or listed on their websites. Economic Action Maryland was pleased to support that legislation.

HB77 seems to duplicate many provisions that are already in law. If the bill intends to create a carve-out for sports, we do not support that approach because establishing two separate sets of regulations depending on the event will just create confusion for fans.

We are including proposed amendments to address our concerns. We ask that the committee only move favorable if these amendments are incorporated into the bill.

Best,

Marceline White  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> <https://news.pollstar.com/2024/05/09/maryland-governor-signs-ticketing-bill/>

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