

# ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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## AMENDED FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2194

ticket resales; restrictions

### **Purpose**

Establishes prohibitions related to the resale of event tickets.

#### Background

Statute prohibits a person from selling an entertainment event ticket purchased for the purpose of resale for a price that exceeds the face value of the ticket, including taxes and other charges, while being within 200 feet of entry to the venue where the event is being held or the venue's parking area. Additionally, a person may not alter a ticket's printed price without the original vendor's written consent. A person who violates the prohibitions is guilty of a petty offense (A.R.S. § 13-3718).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

#### **Provisions**

- 1. Prohibits a reseller, a secondary ticket exchange or any affiliate of a reseller or secondary ticket exchange from:
  - a) reselling more than one copy of the same ticket to an athletic contest or live entertainment event;
  - b) reselling a ticket without first informing the purchaser of the location in the entertainment facility of the seat or, if there is not an assigned seat, the general admission area to which the ticket corresponds, including the row and section number of the ticket, if applicable; and
  - c) reselling a ticket or advertising a ticket for resale, unless either:
    - i. the ticket is in the possession or constructive possession of the reseller; or
    - ii. the reseller has a written contract with the rights holder to obtain the ticket.
- 2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

#### Amendments Adopted by Committee

- 1. Removes the prohibitions that prevent a reseller, secondary ticket exchange, or any affiliate, from:
  - a) employing another person to wait in line to purchase tickets for resale purposes if the practice is prohibited by the event venue, sponsor, organizer or promoter; or
  - b) reselling a ticket before the ticket has been made available to the public by the rights holder, unless previously authorized.

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- 2. Removes the specification that the event ticket resale prohibitions are in addition to any other restrictions imposed by the rights holder.
- 3. Makes conforming changes.

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