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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

### **AN ACT**

To amend chapter 407, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to event tickets.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 407, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 407.1390, to read as follows:

407.1390. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

- 2 (1) "Consumer", the purchaser of an event ticket;
- 3 (2) "Credit card", the same as defined in section 407.432;
  - (3) "Credit card entry", allowed entry to a live event or sporting event based solely upon the presentation of the purchasing consumer's credit card and valid identification;
  - (4) "Event ticket", a printed, electronic, or other type of evidence of the right, option, or opportunity for a consumer to occupy a space at, or to enter, or to attend a place of entertainment. Event tickets do not include tickets issued for a private event;
  - (5) "Event ticket vendor", primary ticket sales platforms, secondary ticket exchanges, and ticket issuers;
- 11 (6) "Primary ticket sales platform", a marketplace operated by or on behalf of a 12 ticket issuer for the use of consumers for the initial purchase of event tickets from the ticket 13 issuer;
- 14 (7) "Secondary ticket exchange", an electronic marketplace that enables a 15 consumer to buy, sell, and resell event tickets;
- 16 **(8)** "Ticket issuer", any person that makes event tickets available, directly or indirectly, or an agent of any such person.
  - 2. An event ticket vendor shall:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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19 (1) Not sell an event ticket to a consumer that has a credit card entry restriction 20 without:

- (a) An acknowledgment signed, either in writing or electronically, by the consumer prior to the beginning of any time limitation placed on event ticket purchases and prior to the purchase of such event ticket for all other purchases. The acknowledgment shall include, but not be limited to, any restriction on event ticket transferability, event ticket resale price, or choice of marketplace on event ticket resale; and
- (b) The option for consumers to purchase an event ticket that is transferable at any price, at any time, and without additional fees through the event ticket vendor of the consumer's choice;
- (2) Not issue tickets in an electronic form that is not readily transferable at any price, at any time, and without additional fees through the event ticket vendor of the consumer's choice;
  - (3) Maintain a toll-free telephone number for consumer complaints and inquiries;
- (4) Implement a standard refund policy that provides a consumer a full refund or comparable replacement event tickets to consumers who purchased events tickets through that event ticket vendor if:
  - (a) The event is cancelled and not rescheduled;
  - (b) The event ticket received by the consumer is counterfeit;
- (c) The event ticket has been cancelled by the ticket issuer for non-payment by the original purchaser, or for any reason other than an act or omission of the original purchaser;
- (d) The event ticket fails to conform to the description provided by the event ticket vendor:
- (e) The event ticket was not delivered to the consumer prior to the occurrence of the event, unless such delivery failure was due to an act or omission by the consumer;
- (f) The event ticket does not provide the consumer admission to the event for which the event ticket was purchased.

Any standard refund policy implemented under this subdivision shall include the full price paid by the consumer for the event ticket, in addition to all fees charged in connection with the purchase, including but not limited to download, delivery, and shipping fees.

3. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an event ticket vendor from taking reasonable steps to remediate incidents of fraud, or from implementing consumer protection policies that exceed the minimum requirements set forth in this section.

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4. It shall be considered an unlawful practice subject to the penalties in section 407.020 for:

- 56 (1) Any person to knowingly use or sell software to circumvent, thwart, interfere 57 with, or evade a security measure, access control system, or other control or measure on 58 an event ticket vendor platform, website, or online marketplace;
  - (2) Any person or event ticket vendor to violate the provisions of this section.

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