

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 905

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PATTERSON.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 316, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to internet domain names of website operators, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 316, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 316.130, to read as follows:

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

(1) "Internet domain name", a globally unique, hierarchical reference to an internet host or service, which is assigned through centralized internet naming authorities and which is comprised of a series of character strings separated by periods, with the right-most string specifying the top of the hierarchy;

(2) "Ticket website", a website advertising the sale of tickets, offering the sale of tickets, or offering tickets for resale;

(3) "URL", a website's uniform resource locator;

(4) "Venue", an arena, stadium, theater, concert hall, or other place of exhibition or performance;

(5) "Website operator", a person owning, operating, or controlling a ticket website for an event scheduled at a venue.

2. Except as provided in subsection 3 of this section, a website operator shall not intentionally use an internet domain name in a ticket website's URL that contains any of the following:

(1) The name of the venue;

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.

17 **(2) The name of an exhibition or performance, including the name of an artist**
18 **scheduled to perform at the venue or an event scheduled at the venue; or**

19 **(3) Any name substantially similar to those in subdivision (1) or (2) of this**
20 **subsection.**

21 **3. This section shall not apply to a website operator who is authorized by the venue**
22 **to be act on its behalf.**

23 **4. The attorney general may file a civil action for injunctive relief against any**
24 **website operator who has violated this section. The court may award court costs and**
25 **reasonable attorney's fees to the prevailing party. The court may also impose a civil**
26 **penalty not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for each violation.**

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