

HOUSE BILL 2008

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47, Chapter 18 and Title 49, relative to forms of payment accepted at school sporting events.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

49-6-314.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Organizer" means an individual or entity that organizes, hosts, sponsors, or promotes a public school athletic event and that is responsible for choosing the forms of payment that are accepted for admission to and the purchase of concessions or other items sold at the public school athletic event;

(2) "Public school" means an elementary, middle, or secondary school in this state that is operated by an LEA or by the state with government funds; and

(3) "Public school athletic event" means an athletic or sporting event that involves one (1) or more individuals who are or teams that consist of students enrolled at a public school.

(b) For admission to and the purchase of concessions or other items sold at a public school athletic event held in this state, the organizer:

(1) Shall accept cash as a form of payment; and

(2) Shall not charge a cash price that exceeds the price to purchase the same item if payment is made by credit or debit card.

(c)

(1) A violation of subsection (b) constitutes a violation of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977, compiled in title 47, chapter 18, part 1.

(2) A violation of subsection (b) constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice affecting trade or commerce and is subject to the penalties and remedies as provided in the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977, in addition to any other penalties and remedies available at law.

(3) If the attorney general and reporter reasonably believes that any person has violated subsection (b), then the attorney general and reporter may initiate a proceeding under the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-104(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

() Violating § 49-6-314(b).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.