SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5661

A bill to regulate the online sale of tickets for entertainment events; to prohibit certain methods, acts, and practices in the sale or purchase of tickets for entertainment events; and to prohibit the use of a bot to make certain purchases for tickets for entertainment events.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "event online ticket sales act".
- 3 Sec. 3. As used in this act:
- 4 (a) "Bot" means an automated software application programmed
 5 to perform automatic and repetitive tasks and that is designed to
 6 impersonate or replicate human activity online.
 - (b) "Entertainment event" means a concert, theatrical



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- performance, sporting event, exhibition, show, or similar scheduled
 activity held in this state that meets all of the following:
- **3** (i) Is open to the public.
- $\mathbf{4}$ (ii) Is held in a public or private venue.
- 5 (iii) Charges an admission fee to attend.
- 6 (c) "Person" means any of the following:
- 7 (i) An individual.
- 8 (ii) A sole proprietorship, partnership, association,
- 9 corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity.
- 10 (iii) A combination of persons described in subparagraphs (i)
- 11 and (ii).
- 12 (d) "Ticket" means a physical, electronic, or other form of a
- 13 certificate, voucher, document, token, or other evidence indicating
- 14 that the person entitled to possession through purchase or
- 15 otherwise has a right to enter a place for an entertainment event
- 16 at the date and time specified on the ticket.
- 17 (e) "Ticket limit" means the posted limit stating the amount
- 18 of tickets a person may purchase for a specific entertainment event
- 19 during an online ticket sale.
- 20 Sec. 5. A person shall not do any of the following when
- 21 purchasing a ticket for an entertainment event:
- 22 (a) Purchase an amount of tickets for an entertainment event
- 23 in excess of the ticket limit by means including, but not limited
- 24 to, using multiple internet protocol addresses, purchaser accounts,
- 25 or email addresses.
- 26 (b) Circumvent or disable an electronic queue, waiting period,
- 27 presale code, or other sales volume limitation system associated
- 28 with an online ticket sale.
- (c) Circumvent or disable a security measure, access control

- 1 system, or other control or measure that is used to validate that a
 2 ticket is not fraudulent.
- 3 (d) Use or create a bot to engage in conduct prohibited under4 subdivisions (a) to (c).
- Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless HouseBill No. 5662 of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into law.

