

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 26, 2017

Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to fair practices in the sale of entertainment tickets

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 "Fair practices in the sale of entertainment tickets act".

3 § 2. Legislative findings and declarations. The legislature finds and
4 declares that transactions involving tickets for admission to places of
5 entertainment are a matter of public interest and subject to the super-
6 vision of New York state and the appropriate political subdivisions of
7 the state for the purpose of safeguarding the public against fraud,
8 extortion, price gouging and similar abuses.

9 The legislature finds that venues, promoters and entertainers routine-
10 ly set aside thousands of tickets prior to the public sale. The legis-
11 lature further finds that these tickets then are sold at prices far
12 above face value.

13 With some concerts, as few as two thousand or three thousand tickets
14 might be available to the general public in an arena with more than
15 fifteen thousand seats. This is especially a concern when the place of
16 entertainment is a venue that receives significant tax credits or
17 rebates from the state. The legislature seeks to ensure that the public
18 has full notice of and information relating to the sale of tickets at
19 places of entertainment in New York state.

20 § 3. The general business law is amended by adding a new article 40 to
21 read as follows:

ARTICLE 40

FAIR PRACTICES IN THE SALE OF ENTERTAINMENT TICKETS

Section 900. Definitions.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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