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Present law provides for the unlawful sale of tickets.

Present law provides that all admission tickets to any athletic contest, dance, theater, concert, circus, or other amusement shall have the price paid for the ticket on the face of the ticket, excluding processing and delivery charges.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that except as otherwise provided in law, no person shall resell or offer to resell an admission ticket for an amount in excess of the price printed on the face of the ticket. Prohibits the sale or offer to sell speculative tickets.

Present law provides that nothing shall prohibit the resale or offering for resale online of an admission ticket, at any price, to an athletic contest, dance, theater, concert, circus, or other amusement, if the ticket is resold or offered for resale through any website if such website's operation guarantees a full refund of the amount paid for the ticket under certain circumstances.

Proposed law retains present law in part, but provides that the ticket may be resold only for an amount not exceeding the price printed on the face of the ticket plus all fees and taxes paid in connection with the initial ticket purchase. Provides that the ticket to the event may be resold or offered for resale through any website or secondary ticket exchange if the website's operator or exchange guarantees a full refund of the amount paid for the ticket under certain circumstances.

Proposed law authorizes the secondary ticket exchange to charge for the service of providing a marketplace for the resale of tickets, a fee not to exceed 10% of the total price of the initial ticket.

Present law provides that a violation of present law shall result in the violator being fined not less than \$100 and not more than \$500.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that any person who violates present law be subject to all penalties provided in the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law.

Present law provides for exceptions.

Proposed law retains present law exceptions.

Proposed law defines the terms "resale", "reseller", "secondary ticket exchange", "speculative ticket", and "ticket".

Effective August 1, 2025.

(Amends R.S. 4:1)