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An Act to Prohibit Ticket Sellers from Prohibiting the Transfer of Tickets to Third Parties

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 5, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield and

Senators: BAILEY of York, BALDACCI of Penobscot, FARRIN of Somerset, GROHOSKI of Hancock, NANGLE of Cumberland, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: DUCHARME of

Madison, ROBERTS of South Berwick.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1301, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Transfer of tickets to 3rd parties. A person may not sell or offer to sell a ticket with a condition that the purchaser may not transfer the ticket with or without consideration to a 3rd party without permission of the person or without an added fee. If a person sells or offers to sell a ticket by means of a system that does not allow for the transferability of the ticket, the person shall provide the purchaser at the time of the initial sale the option to purchase the ticket in another form that is transferable to a 3rd party without an added fee for the transferable ticket. A person may not disallow a ticket holder admission to an event solely because the ticket has been resold. This subsection does not apply to a ticket sold or offered for sale to a student of a public institution of higher education for an entertainment event held by or on behalf of the institution or to a place of entertainment with a seating capacity of not more than 3,500 individuals if the place of entertainment provides written notice to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services of the intent not to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits a seller of a ticket to an entertainment event from prohibiting the purchaser from transferring the ticket with or without consideration to a 3rd party, requires the seller to offer the option of a transferable ticket if the ticketing system does not allow for a ticket to be transferred and prohibits a person from denying a ticket holder admission to an entertainment event solely because the ticket has been resold. This bill does not apply to tickets sold to students for events at public institutions of higher education or to places of entertainment with a seating capacity of 3,500 or less if the place of entertainment provides written notice to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.