

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

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No. 1146

S.P. 423

In Senate, April 4, 1995

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### **An Act to Prohibit the Practice of Scalping.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President BUTLAND of Cumberland. (BY REQUEST).  
Cosponsored by Senators: ESTY of Cumberland, PENDEXTER of Cumberland,  
Representative: PLOWMAN of Hampden.

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

4 Sec. 1. 8 MRSA c. 29 is enacted to read:

6 CHAPTER 29

8 THEATRICAL EXHIBITIONS, SPORTING OR ATHLETIC  
EVENTS, PUBLIC SHOWS AND PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

10 §721. Definitions

12 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

14 1. Service charge. "Service charge" means any costs  
incurred related to the procurement and sale of a ticket. The  
service charge may include charges for postage, long-distance  
telephone calls and fees attributable to extensions of credit.

16 2. Ticket. "Ticket" means any evidence of right of entry  
to any theatrical exhibition, sporting or athletic event, public  
show, public amusement or exhibition of any description.

18 §722. Resale of tickets

20 1. Violation. It is unlawful to resell a ticket for  
admission to a theatrical exhibition, sporting or athletic event,  
public show, public amusement or exhibition of any description at  
a price greater than \$2 over the price printed on the face of the  
ticket.

22 2. Exception. A person may charge in excess of the amount  
permitted under subsection 1 if the charge is attributable to  
service charges.

24 3. Fine. A person who violates this section commits a  
civil violation for which a forfeiture of not less than \$100 or  
more than \$500 may be adjudged.

26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This bill makes it unlawful to resell a ticket to a sporting  
30 event or other public entertainment at an inflated price,  
32 commonly known as "ticket scalping."  
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