SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 158

A bill to regulate the online sale 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:

- 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.
- 7 (b) "Entertainment event" means a concert, theatrical
 8 performance, sporting event, exhibition, show, or similar scheduled
 9 activity held in this state that meets all of the following:





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



- 1 ticket is not fraudulent.
- 2 Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless
- 3 Senate Bill No. 159 of the 103rd Legislature is enacted into law.

