A bill to provide for certain investigations for violating the event online ticket sales act; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and departments; and to prescribe civil sanctions and provide certain remedies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

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

(i) Is open to the public.

(ii) Is held in a public or private venue.

(iii) An admission fee is charged to attend.

(b) "Person" means any of the following:

(i) An individual.

(ii) A sole proprietorship, partnership, association, corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity.

(iii) A combination of persons described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii).

(c) "Ticket" means a physical, electronic, or other form of a certificate, voucher, document, token, or other evidence indicating that the person entitled to possession through purchase or otherwise has a right to enter a place for an entertainment event at the date and time specified on the ticket.

Sec. 3. The attorney general shall investigate a claim that a person has violated the event online ticket sales act.

Sec. 5. (1) A person that violates the event online ticket sales act is subject to a civil fine of not more than $5,000.00. A fine collected must be deposited in the general fund.

(2) Each ticket transaction in which a ticket is acquired in violation of the event online ticket sales act constitutes a separate violation for the purpose of assessing a civil fine under this section.

Sec. 7. (1) If the attorney general determines that a person is in the process of violating the event online ticket sales act, the attorney general may bring a civil action to restrain or enjoin the person from continuing to violate the event online ticket sales act.
(2) If the attorney general determines that a person has violated the event online ticket sales act, the attorney general may bring a civil action to collect the civil fine, as provided for under section 5. The attorney general may also recover restitution.

(3) A person who violates a court order or injunction issued to enforce the event online ticket sales act is subject to a civil fine of not more than $5,000.00.

Sec. 9. The court may allow the attorney general to recover reasonable costs and attorney fees incurred in an action resulting in the imposition of a civil fine under this act.

Enacting section 1. This act does not take effect unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 5661 (request no. 05916'24) of the 102nd Legislature is enacted into law.