

1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Prohibition on Bots Purchasing Tickets Act.

6 "Section 5. Definition. As used in this Act:

7 "Bot" means any automated software program that performs
8 automatic and repetitive tasks and is designed to impersonate
9 or replicate human activity online. "Bot" does not include
10 auto fill or password management features built into an
11 Internet browser or provided through separate software.

12 "Event facility" means a permanent structure for holding
13 public meetings or public events, including, but not limited
14 to, musical, dramatic, artistic, social, or athletic events.
15 "Event facility" includes a convention center. "Event
16 facility" does not include a school stadium, a county fair, a
17 hotel, or a facility primarily owned or operated by a
18 professional sports team or franchise.

19 Section 10. Prohibition on automated online ticket
20 purchasing.

21 (a) A person shall not use or create one or more bots to:

22 (1) purchase tickets in excess of posted limits for an

1 online ticket sale;

2 (2) use multiple Internet protocol addresses, multiple
3 purchaser accounts, or multiple email addresses to
4 purchase tickets in excess of the posted limit for any
5 single online ticket sale; or

6 (3) circumvent or disable an electronic queue, waiting
7 period, pre-sale code, or other sales volume limitation
8 system associated with an online ticket sale.

9 (b) An owner or operator of an event facility that sells
10 tickets to events, and any agent who conducts or facilitates
11 those sales, shall report any known violation described in
12 subsection (a) to the Attorney General within a reasonable
13 period of time after discovery of the violation. The report
14 shall include:

15 (1) a description of the violation;

16 (2) any available information about the individuals or
17 entities involved in the violation; and

18 (3) any measures taken or planned to be taken to
19 prevent further violations.

20 Section 15. Enforcement. A violation of this Act
21 constitutes an unlawful practice under the Consumer Fraud and
22 Deceptive Business Practices Act. All remedies, penalties, and
23 authority granted by the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
24 Practices Act shall be available for the enforcement of this
25 Act.

1 Section 90. The Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business
2 Practices Act is amended by adding Section 2MMMM as follows:

3 (815 ILCS 505/2MMMM new)

4 Sec. 2MMMM. Violations of the Prohibition on Bots
5 Purchasing Tickets Act. Any person that violates the
6 Prohibition on Bots Purchasing Tickets Act commits an unlawful
7 practice within the meaning of this Act.