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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5589

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5589 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Prohibition on Automated Online Ticket Purchasing Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. 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" means a concert, theatrical performance, sporting
13 event, exhibition, show, or similar scheduled activity that:

- 14 (1) is open to the public;
- 15 (2) is held in a public or private venue; and
- 16 (3) requires payment of an admission fee to attend the

1 activity.

2 "Ticket" means a physical or electronic certificate,
3 voucher, document, token, or other evidence of a right for
4 admission to enter a place of entertainment for one or more
5 events at one or more specified dates and times.

6 Section 10. Prohibition on automated online ticket
7 purchasing.

8 (a) A person may not use or create a bot to:

9 (1) purchase tickets in excess of posted limits for an
10 online ticket sale;

11 (2) use multiple Internet protocol addresses, multiple
12 purchaser accounts, or multiple e-mail addresses to
13 purchase tickets in excess of posted limits for an online
14 ticket sale;

15 (3) circumvent or disable an electronic queue, waiting
16 period, presale code, or other sales volume limitation
17 system associated with an online ticket sale; or

18 (4) circumvent or disable a security measure, access
19 control system, or other control or measure that is used
20 to facilitate authorized entry to an event.

21 (b) An owner or operator of a place of entertainment that
22 sells tickets to events, and any agent who conducts or
23 facilitates those sales, shall:

24 (1) report to the Attorney General any incidents that
25 violate subsection (a), of which the owner, operator, or

1 agent has actual knowledge; and

2 (2) report any incidents described in paragraph (1)
3 within a reasonable period of time after the incident is
4 discovered by the owner, operator, or agent, and in no
5 case later than 30 days after the incident is discovered.

6 Section 15. Enforcement by Attorney General.

7 (a) The Attorney General may investigate a claim that a
8 person violated this Act.

9 (b) If the Attorney General concludes that a person is
10 violating this Act, the Attorney General may bring an action
11 in the name of the People of the State to restrain or enjoin
12 the person from violating this Act.

13 (c) In addition to bringing an action for injunctive
14 relief under this Act, the Attorney General may seek
15 restitution and petition a circuit court for the assessment of
16 a civil penalty as provided by this Section.

17 (d) A person who knowingly violates Section 10 is liable
18 for a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 for each
19 violation.

20 (e) Every ticket transaction in which a ticket is acquired
21 to be sold in violation of Section 10 constitutes a separate
22 violation for purposes of assessing a civil penalty.

23 (f) The civil penalty for a violation of a court order or
24 injunction issued to enforce this Act may not exceed \$100,000.

25 (g) The Attorney General may recover all reasonable costs

1 of bringing an action under this Section, including court
2 costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and investigation costs.".