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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to crime; establishing offenses involving the sale and purchase of event
1.3 tickets; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[609.806] UNLAWFUL CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH TICKET**
1.6 **SALES.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited acts.** No operator of any place of entertainment or
1.8 agent, representative, employee, or licensee of the operator shall, if a price is charged for
1.9 admission, exact, demand, accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, any premium or price
1.10 in excess of the established price plus lawful taxes whether designated as price, gratuity,
1.11 or otherwise.

1.12 Subd. 2. **Penalty.** A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

1.13 Subd. 3. **Exception.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a service
1.14 charge by the operator or the agents of the operator for special services including, but not
1.15 limited to, sales away from the box office, credit card sales, or delivery.

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2008, and applies to
1.17 offenses committed on or after that date.

1.18 Sec. 2. **[609.807] UNLAWFUL ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH TICKET**
1.19 **PURCHASES.**

1.20 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited acts.** (a) Whoever intentionally uses an automated device
1.21 to purchase, within a 24-hour period, more than eight tickets to an event held in the state is
1.22 guilty of a misdemeanor.

2.1 (b) Whoever intentionally uses an automated device to impede, block, or move
2.2 ahead of another person seeking to purchase tickets to an event held in the state is guilty
2.3 of a gross misdemeanor.

2.4 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
2.5 subdivision have the meanings given them.

2.6 (b) "Event" means a theater performance or show, circus, athletic contest, or other
2.7 entertainment or amusement to which the general public is admitted.

2.8 (c) "Automated device" means a device that after initial human initialization or setup
2.9 generates automated requests for tickets without further human interface. The definition
2.10 includes, but is not limited to, computer software applications.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2008, and applies to
2.12 offenses committed on or after that date.