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

March 13, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to crime; establishing offense related to interfering with Internet ticket
1.3 sales; 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] INTERFERING WITH INTERNET TICKET SALES.**

1.6 (a) A person who: (1) intentionally sells, gives, possesses, uses, or otherwise
1.7 distributes, or (2) possesses with the intent to sell, give, or distribute software that on a
1.8 ticket seller's Web site circumvents a security measure; an access control system; or a
1.9 control or measure that is used to ensure an equitable ticket buying process, is guilty
1.10 of a gross misdemeanor.

1.11 (b) For the purposes of this section, "software" means computer programs that are
1.12 primarily designed or produced for the purpose of interfering with the operation of any
1.13 person or entity that sells, over the Internet, tickets of admission to a sporting event,
1.14 theater, musical performance, or place of public entertainment or amusement of any kind.

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