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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to commerce; prohibiting certain unfair Internet ticket sales by original  
1.3 sellers; 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. **[609.807] PROHIBITION OF EARLY INTERNET SALES OF EVENT**  
1.6 **TICKETS AT INFLATED PRICES.**

1.7 Any person or entity that serves as the initial seller, over the Internet, of tickets  
1.8 of admission to a sporting event, theater, musical performance, or place of public  
1.9 entertainment or amusement of any kind, shall not:

1.10 (1) sell any ticket over the Internet at greater than face value, either itself or in  
1.11 conjunction with any other ticket seller, until all tickets have been made available to the  
1.12 general public at face value for at least seven days; or

1.13 (2) provide on its Web site a link, either directly or indirectly, to any individual or  
1.14 entity that functions as a reseller of tickets sold by the initial seller.

1.15 For purposes of this section, "initial seller" does not include a person or entity that is  
1.16 the person or entity that provides the event or provides the venue for the event.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to  
1.18 offenses committed on or after that date.