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HOUSE FILE NO. **819**

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    The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor
March 9, 2009
    Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
    To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight
March 19, 2009
    Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:
    To Pass as Amended
    Read Second Time

1.1   A bill for an act
1.2   relating to commerce; prohibiting certain unfair Internet ticket sales by original
1.3   sellers and resellers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes,
1.4   chapter 609.

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

1.6   Section 1. **[609.807] PROHIBITION OF EARLY INTERNET SALES OF EVENT**

1.7   **TICKETS AT INFLATED PRICES.**

1.8   (a) Any person or entity that serves as the initial seller, over the Internet, of tickets

1.9   of admission to a sporting event, theatre, musical performance, or place of public

1.10   entertainment or amusement of any kind, shall make available for sale all tickets under

1.11   the control of the initial seller in the manner directed by the provider of the event or

1.12   provider of the venue. The initial seller shall not divert tickets from the initial sale to be

1.13   sold in any other manner.

1.14   (b) No person or entity who sells or resells, over the Internet, tickets of admission

1.15   to a sporting event, theatre, musical performance, or place of public entertainment or

1.16   amusement of any kind, shall sell, resell, or offer to sell or resell, tickets prior to the

1.17   tickets being offered for sale in the manner authorized by the provider of the event or

1.18   provider of the venue.

1.19   **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2009, and applies to

1.20   offenses committed on or after that date.