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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass and re-referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to crime; prohibiting deceptive practices in the sale of event tickets;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 609.807.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 609.807, is amended to read:

1.6 **609.807 EVENT TICKETS; PROHIBITED ACTS.**

1.7 (a) As used in this section: (1) "initial seller" means a person or entity with whom
1.8 a provider of an event or venue has contracted for the sale of tickets for the purpose
1.9 of the initial sale of those tickets to the general public; and (2) "ticket" means a ticket
1.10 of admission to a sporting event, theater, musical performance, or place of public
1.11 entertainment or amusement of any kind.

1.12 (b) The initial seller of tickets shall make available for sale all tickets under control
1.13 of the initial seller in the manner and under terms directed by the provider of the event
1.14 or venue. The initial seller shall not, unless authorized by the provider of the event or
1.15 venue, divert tickets from the initial sale to the general public to be sold in any other
1.16 manner or under any other terms.

1.17 (c) No person or entity, with intent to defraud, may sell or offer for sale a ticket that
1.18 is invalid, counterfeit, altered, or otherwise not genuine.

1.19 (d) A provider of, or initial seller of, tickets for an event or venue in connection with
1.20 an event for which tickets are or will be available for purchase by the general public must
1.21 disclose to prospective purchasers no later than two weeks before the event how many
1.22 tickets for the event were held back from sale to the general public. "Tickets held back
1.23 from sale to the general public" means the total number of tickets withheld from sale to
1.24 the general public by or on behalf of a performer, promoter, sponsor, the venue of the

2.1 performance, or any affiliate of, or person contracting with, any of them. The disclosure
2.2 required by this paragraph must be made on the provider's or seller's Web site and upon
2.3 request to any perspective purchaser. This paragraph does not apply to:

2.4 (1) an individual or entity that resells no more than 100 tickets to no more than ten
2.5 events in a 12-month period; or

2.6 (2) an event held at a venue that contains fewer than 1,000 seats.

2.7 (e) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

2.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for events that take place on or
2.9 after July 1, 2010.