SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2715

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROWDEN.

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 407, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to event tickets.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

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Section A. Chapter 407, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be 2 known as section 407.1390, to read as follows: 407.1390. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean: 2 (1) "Consumer", the purchaser of an event ticket; 3 (2) "Credit card", the same as defined in section 407.432; 4 (3) "Credit card entry", allowed entry to a live event or sporting event based solely 5 upon the presentation of the purchasing consumer's credit card and valid identification; (4) "Event ticket", a printed, electronic, or other type of evidence of the right, 6 7 option, or opportunity for a consumer to occupy a space at, or to enter, or to attend a place 8 of entertainment. Event tickets do not include tickets issued for a private event; 9 (5) "Event ticket vendor", primary ticket sales platforms, secondary ticket 10 exchanges, and ticket issuers; 11 (6) "Primary ticket sales platform", a marketplace operated by or on behalf of a 12 ticket issuer for the use of consumers for the initial purchase of event tickets from the ticket 13 issuer; 14 "Secondary ticket exchange", an electronic marketplace that enables a (7) 15 consumer to buy, sell, and resell event tickets; 16 (8) "Ticket issuer", any person that makes event tickets available, directly or 17 indirectly, or an agent of any such person. 18 2. An event ticket vendor shall:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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19 (1) Not sell an event ticket to a consumer that has a credit card entry restriction20 without:

(a) An acknowledgment signed, either in writing or electronically, by the consumer
prior to the beginning of any time limitation placed on event ticket purchases and prior to
the purchase of such event ticket for all other purchases. The acknowledgment shall
include, but not be limited to, any restriction on event ticket transferability, event ticket
resale price, or choice of marketplace on event ticket resale; and

(b) The option for consumers to purchase an event ticket that is transferable at any
 price, at any time, and without additional fees through the event ticket vendor of the
 consumer's choice;

(2) Not issue tickets in an electronic form that is not readily transferable at any
 price, at any time, and without additional fees through the event ticket vendor of the
 consumer's choice;

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(3) Maintain a toll-free telephone number for consumer complaints and inquiries;

(4) Implement a standard refund policy that provides a consumer a full refund or
 comparable replacement event tickets to consumers who purchased events tickets through
 that event ticket vendor if:

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(a) The event is cancelled and not rescheduled;

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(b) The event ticket received by the consumer is counterfeit;

(c) The event ticket has been cancelled by the ticket issuer for non-payment by the
 original purchaser, or for any reason other than an act or omission of the original
 purchaser;

(d) The event ticket fails to conform to the description provided by the event ticket
 vendor;

43 (e) The event ticket was not delivered to the consumer prior to the occurrence of
44 the event, unless such delivery failure was due to an act or omission by the consumer;

45 (f) The event ticket does not provide the consumer admission to the event for which
 46 the event ticket was purchased.

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Any standard refund policy implemented under this subdivision shall include the full price
paid by the consumer for the event ticket, in addition to all fees charged in connection with
the purchase, including but not limited to download, delivery, and shipping fees.

51 **3.** Nothing in this section shall prohibit an event ticket vendor from taking 52 reasonable steps to remediate incidents of fraud, or from implementing consumer 53 protection policies that exceed the minimum requirements set forth in this section. HB 2715

4. It shall be considered an unlawful practice subject to the penalties in section
407.020 for:

56 (1) Any person to knowingly use or sell software to circumvent, thwart, interfere

- 57 with, or evade a security measure, access control system, or other control or measure on
- 58 an event ticket vendor platform, website, or online marketplace;
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- (2) Any person or event ticket vendor to violate the provisions of this section.

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