



HOUSE BILL 598: Live Event Ticketing Protections & Reforms.

2025-2026 General Assembly

Committee:	House Regulatory Reform. If favorable, re-refer to Commerce and Economic Development. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 1, 2025
Introduced by:	Reps. Willis, Johnson, McNeely, Schietzelt	Prepared by:	Kyle Evans
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 598 would recodify existing statutes regarding restrictions on the sale and resale of live event tickets, and place additional restrictions on ticket issuers, which would prohibit issuers from restricting the resale of tickets by the ticket purchaser, establishing minimum or maximum prices for ticket resale, or otherwise discriminating against the purchaser of a ticket on the basis that the ticket was resold. The bill would also prohibit secondary ticket exchanges from using website addresses similar the name of an event, event performer, or event venue.*

CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

[Section 24 of S.L. 2024-45](#) requires a secondary ticket exchange, ticket issuer, or reseller to meet certain requirements when listing a ticket for sale or resale, including requiring that the total ticket price, including mandatory fees and processing fees, be displayed.

House Bill 598 would recodify the language enacted by Section 24 of S.L. 2024-45 into a new Article, otherwise leave it unchanged, and add additional restrictions on ticket issuers, prohibiting ticket issuers from preventing ticket purchasers from reselling their tickets independently from the ticket issuer or from reselling the ticket on a secondary ticket exchange.

This bill would also provide that a ticket issuer could not establish minimum or maximum prices for ticket resale or discriminate against a secondary ticket exchange seller or purchaser on the basis that the ticket was resold. Ticket issuers would be required to provide an electronic ticket to the purchaser within 72 hours of confirming the ticket purchase. The bill would also prohibit secondary ticket exchanges from using website addresses containing the name (or similar name) of the event, event performer, or venue.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would become effective October 1, 2025.

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