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Senate Bills 384 and 385 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Erika Geiss (S.B. 384)
Senator Tom Barrett (S.B. 385)
Committee: Economic and Small Business Development

CONTENT

Senate Bill 384 would amend Chapter 68 (Public Exhibitions and Entertainment) of the Michigan Penal Code to create definitions for terms used in Senate Bill 385.

Senate Bill 385 would amend Chapter 68 of the Michigan Penal Code to do the following:

- Delete various provisions pertaining to the prohibition of the sale of tickets for admission to a theatre, circus, athletic game, or place of public entertainment or amusement at prices greater than what are printed on the tickets.
- Delete the misdemeanor penalty for violating the provisions described above.
- Prohibit a person from knowingly selling, giving, transferring, using, distributing, or possessing with the intent to distribute software that was primarily designed or produced to interfere with certain ticket sale operations.
- Prohibit a person owning, operating, or controlling a ticket website for an event scheduled at a venue in Michigan from using an internet domain name or subdomain thereof in the ticket website's URL (uniform resource locator) that contained certain information.
- Prohibit a ticket seller from contracting for the sale of tickets or accepting consideration for payment in full or for a deposit for the sale of tickets unless the ticket seller met certain requirements.
- Specify that a person that violated the bill would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a maximum fine of \$500, or both.

Proposed MCL 750.464b (S.B. 384)
MCL 750.465 (S.B. 385)

Legislative Analyst: Drew Krogulecki

FISCAL IMPACT

Senate Bill 384 would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Senate Bill 385 would have a negative fiscal impact on the State and local government. New misdemeanor arrests and convictions under the bill could increase resource demands on law enforcement, court systems, community supervision, and jails. However, it is unknown how many people would be prosecuted under the bill's provisions. Any additional revenue from imposed fines would go to local libraries.

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