HOUSE BILL NO. 5662

April 25, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Filler and McFall and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Reform.

A bill to provide for certain investigations for violating the event online ticket sales act; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and departments; and to prescribe civil sanctions and provide certain remedies.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:
- 2 (a) "Entertainment event" means a concert, theatrical
- 3 performance, sporting event, exhibition, show, or similar scheduled

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- 1 activity held in this state that meets all of the following:
- 2 (i) Is open to the public.
- 3 (ii) Is held in a public or private venue.
- 4 (iii) An admission fee is charged to attend.
- 5 (b) "Person" means any of the following:
- 6 (i) An individual.
- 7 (ii) A sole proprietorship, partnership, association,
- 8 corporation, limited liability company, or other legal entity.
- $\mathbf{9}$ (iii) A combination of persons described in subparagraphs (i)
- 10 and (ii).
- 11 (c) "Ticket" means a physical, electronic, or other form of a
- 12 certificate, voucher, document, token, or other evidence indicating
- 13 that the person entitled to possession through purchase or
- 14 otherwise has a right to enter a place for an entertainment event
- 15 at the date and time specified on the ticket.
- 16 Sec. 3. The attorney general shall investigate a claim that a
- 17 person has violated the event online ticket sales act.
- 18 Sec. 5. (1) A person that violates the event online ticket
- 19 sales act is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$5,000.00. A
- 20 fine collected must be deposited in the general fund.
- 21 (2) Each ticket transaction in which a ticket is acquired in
- 22 violation of the event online ticket sales act constitutes a
- 23 separate violation for the purpose of assessing a civil fine under
- 24 this section.
- Sec. 7. (1) If the attorney general determines that a person
- 26 is in the process of violating the event online ticket sales act,
- 27 the attorney general may bring a civil action to restrain or enjoin
- 28 the person from continuing to violate the event online ticket sales
- **29** act.

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- (2) If the attorney general determines that a person has
 violated the event online ticket sales act, the attorney general
 may bring a civil action to collect the civil fine, as provided for
 under section 5. The attorney general may also recover restitution.
- (3) A person who violates a court order or injunction issued
 to enforce the event online ticket sales act is subject to a civil
 fine of not more than \$5,000.00.
- Sec. 9. The court may allow the attorney general to recover
 reasonable costs and attorney fees incurred in an action resulting
 in the imposition of a civil fine under this act.