

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3141
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Business & Industry
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

There are concerns about the lack of transparency when purchasing tickets for concerts and similar events. Hidden fees often drive up prices for events, catching consumers off guard. Consumers should be made aware of these fees without needing to read fine print or waiting until checkout. H.B. 3141 seeks to address this issue by requiring ticket websites to post all ticket fees in an easily accessible location.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3141 amends the Business & Commerce Code to require a person that sells or resells tickets for a concert, theatrical performance, sporting event, exhibition, show, or similar scheduled activity in Texas, including the operator of a ticket website, to disclose all fees charged in connection with the sale of a ticket for the event. The bill requires a ticket website to post the fees for event tickets on the website in a location easily accessible by ticket purchasers or potential ticket purchasers. These requirements apply to events that are open to the public, held in either a public or private venue, and require payment of an admission fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2021.