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H.B. No. 1497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the disclosure of taxes and fees charged for the sale of concert and other event tickets.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Title 6, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Chapter 205 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 205. DISCLOSURE OF TAXES AND FEES FOR EVENT TICKETS

Sec. 205.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Event" means a concert, theatrical performance, sporting event, exhibition, show, or similar scheduled activity that:

(A) is open to the public;

(B) is held in a public or private venue; and

(C) requires payment of an admission fee to attend the activity.

(2) "Ticket website" means an Internet website or mobile application advertising or offering the sale of tickets, or offering tickets for resale, to an event in this state.

(3) "Venue" means an arena, stadium, theater, concert hall, or other place used for events.

Sec. 205.002. DISCLOSURE OF TAXES AND FEES; PROHIBITED FEES. (a) A person that sells or resells tickets for a concert or other event in this state, including the operator of a ticket website, must disclose all taxes and fees charged in connection

1 with the sale of a ticket for the event. The total price of event
2 tickets made available for sale on a ticket website, including
3 taxes and fees charged in connection with the sale, must be posted
4 on the website in a location easily accessible by ticket purchasers
5 or potential ticket purchasers.

6 (b) A person that sells or resells tickets for a concert or
7 other event in this state, including the operator of a ticket
8 website, may not charge fees in connection with the sale of a ticket
9 that in total exceed 10 percent of the price of the ticket before
10 applicable taxes and fees.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.