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Ticketing Delivery Amendments

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House Sponsor: 2 3 **LONG TITLE** 4 **General Description:** 5 This bill enacts provisions relating to the delivery of an e-ticket. 6 **Highlighted Provisions:** This bill: 7 8 defines e-ticket: 9 provides that e-tickets are subject to state law prohibitions for ticket sales; 10 • prohibits a primary ticket seller from delivering an e-ticket more than 72 hours after a 11 consumer purchases the e-ticket; 12 requires a primary ticket seller to deliver an e-ticket to a consumer as soon as reasonably 13 possible, if the consumer purchases the e-ticket less than 72 hours before an event; and 14 makes technical changes. 15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:** 16 None 17 **Other Special Clauses:** 18 None 19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:** 20 AMENDS: 21 **13-54-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 251 22 13-54-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 251 23 24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

- 25 Section 1. Section 13-54-102 is amended to read:
- 26 13-54-102. Definitions.
- 27 (1) "Consumer" means a person [who] that purchases a ticket for use by the person or the 28 person's invitee.
- 29 (2) "Division" means the Division of Consumer Protection in the Department of Commerce.
- 30 (3) "Domain" means the portion of text in a URL that is to the left of the top-level domain.

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- 31 (4) "E-ticket" means digital evidence of an individual's right of entry to an event that a seller delivers through electronic means.
- 33 [(4)] (5) "Event" means a single, specific occurrence of one of the following, that takes
- 34 place at a venue:
- 35 (a) a concert;
- 36 (b) a game;
- 37 (c) a performance;
- 38 (d) a show; or
- 39 (e) an occasion similar to the occasions described in Subsections [(4)(a)] (5)(a) through (d).
- 41 [(5)] (6) "Event participant" means any of the following persons [who is-] that are associated 42 with an event or on behalf of [whom] which a person sells a ticket to an event:
- 43 (a) an artist;
- 44 (b) a league;
- 45 (c) a team;
- 46 (d) a tour group;
- 47 (e) a venue; or
- (f) any person similar to the persons described in Subsections [(5)(a)] (6)(a) through (e).
- 49 [(6)] (7) "Person" does not include a government entity.
- 50 [(7)] (8) "Primary ticket seller" means the person [who] that first sells a particular ticket.
- 51 [(8)] (9)(a) "Reseller" means a person [who] that sells or offers for sale a ticket after [it]
- 52 <u>the ticket</u> is sold by a primary ticket seller.
- (b) "Reseller" includes a person [who] that engages in conduct described in Subsection [
 (8)(a)] (9)(a), regardless of whether the person is also the primary ticket seller of the
 ticket or the primary ticket seller of another ticket to the same event.
- (c) "Reseller" does not include a person [who] that transfers a ticket to another person
- 57 without reimbursement or consideration.
- 58 [(9)] (10)(a) "Ticket" means evidence of an individual's right of entry to an event.
- (b) "Ticket" includes an e-ticket.
- 60 [(10)] (11) "Ticket aggregator" means a person [who] that aggregates the prices for which 61 other persons offer tickets for sale or resale.
- 62 [(11)] (12) "Ticket purchasing software" means software that is primarily designed for the purpose of:
- (a) interfering with the sale of tickets by circumventing controls or measures on a ticket

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65	website to bypass posted event ticket purchasing limits; or
66	(b) undermining the integrity of posted online ticket purchasing order rules.
67	[(12)] <u>(13)</u> "Ticket website" means:
68	(a) with respect to a reseller, a website on which the reseller sells or offers for sale or
69	resale one or more tickets; or
70	(b) with respect to a ticket aggregator, a website on which the ticket aggregator
71	aggregates the prices for which other persons offer tickets for sale or resale.
72	[(13)] (14) "Top-level domain" includes .com, .net, and .org.
73	[(14)] (15) "URL" means the uniform resource locator for a website on the Internet.
74	[(15)] (16)(a) "Venue" means real property located in the state where one or more
75	persons host a concert, game, performance, show, or similar occasion.
76	(b) "Venue" includes an arena, a stadium, a theater, a concert hall, an amphitheater, a
77	fairground, a club, a convention center, a public assembly facility, or a mass
78	gathering location.
79	Section 2. Section 13-54-202 is amended to read:
80	13-54-202 . Prohibited practices.
81	(1)(a) It is unlawful for any person [who] that is not a primary ticket seller to represent,
82	directly or indirectly, that the person is a primary ticket seller.
83	(b) If a presiding officer or court determines appropriate after considering other relevant
84	factors, the following actions by a person [who] that is not a primary ticket seller
85	establish a presumption that the person is representing that the person is a primary
86	ticket seller in violation of Subsection (1)(a):
87	(i) using the name of an event in the domain of the person's ticket website, unless the
88	person has written authorization from an agent of the event;
89	(ii) using the name of an event participant in the domain of the person's ticket
90	website, unless the person has written authorization from the event participant or
91	an agent of the event participant;
92	(iii) using, in paid search results, the name of an event or event participant in a
93	manner described in Subsection (1)(b)(i) or (ii); or
94	(iv) using on the person's website any of the following that individually or in
95	combination is substantially similar to a primary ticket seller's, venue's, or event's
96	website, with the intent to mislead a potential purchaser, without written
97	authorization:
98	(A) text:

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99	(B) images;
100	(C) website graphics;
101	(D) website design; or
102	(E) Internet address.
103	(2) It is unlawful for a person [who] that lists or offers a ticket for sale to:
104	(a) accept payment for the ticket; and
105	(b) fail to deliver to the consumer [who] that purchases the ticket a ticket that reflects the
106	transaction to which the parties agreed.
107	(3) It is unlawful for a person to:
108	(a) knowingly sell more than one copy of the same ticket; or
109	(b) use ticket purchasing software to circumvent any portion of the process for
110	purchasing a ticket on a ticket website, including:
111	(i) circumventing:
112	(A) security measures;
113	(B) identity validation measures; or
114	(C) an access control system; or
115	(ii) disguising the identity of a ticket purchaser for the purpose of purchasing a
116	number of tickets that exceeds the maximum number of tickets allowed for a
117	person to purchase.
118	(4) It is unlawful for a person to fail to comply with a provision of Section 13-54-201.
119	(5)(a) It is unlawful for a primary ticket seller to fail to deliver an e-ticket to a consumer
120	within 72 hours after the consumer purchases the e-ticket.
121	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(a), if a consumer purchases a ticket less than 72
122	hours before an event, a primary ticket seller shall deliver the e-ticket as soon as
123	reasonably possible after the purchase.
124	[(5)] (6) Nothing in this section prohibits a person from including the name of an event or an
125	event participant in a URL after the top-level domain.
126	Section 3. Effective Date.
127	This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.