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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5763**

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**State of Washington                      52nd Legislature                      1991 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senator Talmadge).

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1            AN ACT Relating to the sale and resale of admission tickets; adding  
2 a new section to chapter 9.91 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.91 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) For the purposes of this section, "commercial ticket reseller"  
7 means a person or entity who in the normal course of business purchases  
8 admission tickets from individuals or official ticket sales outlets at  
9 the box office price for the purpose of reselling the tickets to  
10 individuals at a price higher than the box office price. The  
11 advertised price must include all handling, service, convenience, or  
12 other charges that must be paid by the purchaser to obtain the ticket.

13            (2) It is unlawful:

1 (a) To fail to refund, within thirty days of a written request, the  
2 advertised price of an admission ticket or card, for any cancelled  
3 event;

4 (b) For a commercial ticket reseller to fail to include the price  
5 or range of prices of tickets or cards available to an event in any  
6 print advertisement of the event. For purposes of this section,  
7 tickets or cards available at the event itself, for which no handling,  
8 service, convenience, or other charges must be paid, shall not be  
9 included in the range of ticket prices; or

10 (c) For a commercial ticket reseller to sell an admission ticket or  
11 card on which the name of the person conducting the event and the price  
12 are not conspicuously and indelibly printed, stamped, or written, or to  
13 sell or offer to sell an admission ticket or card at a price in excess  
14 of the advertised price.

15 (3) The sale and resale of admission tickets or cards is a matter  
16 affecting the public interest for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86  
17 RCW. A violation of this section is not reasonable in relation to the  
18 to the development and preservation of business. A violation of this  
19 section constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice in trade or  
20 commerce for the purpose of applying chapter 19.86 RCW.

21 (4) A violation of this section is a misdemeanor.