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HOUSE BILL 1584

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1 AN ACT Relating to the sale of software used in the unauthorized  
2 interference of ticket sales over the internet; and amending RCW  
3 19.345.020.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.345.020 and 2015 c 129 s 3 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) A person may not:

8 (a) Use software to circumvent, thwart, interfere with, or evade  
9 a security measure, access control system, or other control or  
10 measure on a ticket seller's internet web site; or

11 (b) Sell software that is advertised for profit with the express  
12 purpose to circumvent, thwart, interfere with, or evade a security  
13 measure, access control system, or other control or measure on a  
14 ticket seller's internet web site.

15 (2) The use or sale of software as described in subsection (1) of  
16 this section only violates this section if:

17 (a) The user ((or seller)) knows or should know that the purpose  
18 of the software is to circumvent, thwart, interfere with, or evade a  
19 security measure, access control system, or other control or measure  
20 on a ticket seller's internet web site; or

1       (b) The seller knows or markets that the purpose of the software  
2 is to circumvent, thwart, interfere with, or evade a security  
3 measure, access control system, or other control or measure on a  
4 ticket seller's internet web site.

5       (3) The legislature finds that the conduct described in  
6 subsection (1) of this section vitally affects the public interest  
7 for the purpose of applying the consumer protection act, chapter  
8 19.86 RCW. Using or selling software to circumvent, thwart, or evade  
9 a control or measure, which is used on a ticket seller's internet web  
10 site to ensure an equitable distribution of tickets, is not  
11 reasonable in relation to the development and preservation of  
12 business and is an unfair or deceptive act in trade or commerce and  
13 an unfair method of competition for the purposes of applying the  
14 consumer protection act, chapter 19.86 RCW.

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