

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Barton, Cowan, Gilliam, Krieger, Matthews, Riley, Tomei, Wingard, Holvey
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Weidner
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/4, 4/20, 4/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits the use of computer software designed to circumvent measures used by legitimate ticket sellers and resellers to ensure equitable distribution of admission tickets for entertainment events. Provides for enforcement as an unlawful trade practice.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Common ticket sales practices
- Demand based on artificial scarcity
- Ticket resale by unauthorized vendors
- Use of “bot” software to circumvent quantity controls on ticket purchases

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes requirement for event producers, promoters and venue owners to disclose numbers and classes of tickets available for public sale and for ticket resellers to disclose number of unsold tickets available for resale.

**BACKGROUND:** Consumers trying to purchase tickets to entertainment events are sometimes led to believe that tickets have sold out when they have actually been bought up by secondary resellers using software designed to thwart the seller’s efforts to limit the number of tickets a consumer may acquire. Often, this software also directs consumers to the reseller’s web site where tickets are available at highly inflated prices. HB 2673-A makes the use of such software an unlawful trade practice enforceable by the Attorney General.