

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 650

By: Rogers

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to consumer protection; providing definitions; prohibiting a person to use or sell certain software to evade security measures of a ticket seller's website; subjecting such violation as a violation of the Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 774 of Title 15, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

1. "Admission ticket" means evidence of a right of entry to a venue or an entertainment event;

2. "Event" means a concert, theatrical performance, sporting event, exhibition, show, or other similar activity held in this state;

3. "Initial sale" means the first sale of an admission ticket by the ticket seller, which may include the distribution of

1 admission tickets under an agreement between the ticket seller and  
2 the recipient;

3 4. "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation,  
4 limited liability company, other organization, or any combination  
5 thereof;

6 5. "Place of entertainment" means any privately or publicly  
7 owned or operated entertainment facility within this state, such as  
8 a theater, stadium, museum, arena, park, racetrack, or other place  
9 where concerts, theatrical performances, sporting events,  
10 exhibitions, shows, or other similar activities are held and for  
11 which an entry fee is charged;

12 6. "Presale" means a sale of admission tickets at or below the  
13 price printed on the ticket by, or with the permission of, a ticket  
14 seller, prior to their release to the general public;

15 7. "Promoter" means a person who organizes financing and  
16 publicity for an entertainment event; and

17 8. "Ticket seller" means a person that makes admission tickets  
18 available, directly or indirectly, at an initial presale or sale to  
19 the general public, and may include an owner or operator of a place  
20 of entertainment, a sponsor or promoter of an event, a sports team  
21 participating in an event, a theater company, a musical group, or  
22 similar participant in an event, or an employee or agent of any such  
23 person.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 774.1 of Title 15, unless there  
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. A person shall not:

5 1. Use software to circumvent, thwart, interfere with, or evade  
6 a security measure, access control system, or other control measure  
7 on a ticket seller's Internet website; or

8 2. Sell software that is advertised for profit with the express  
9 purpose to circumvent, thwart, interfere with, or evade a security  
10 measure, access control system, or other control or measure on a  
11 ticket seller's Internet website.

12 B. The user or seller shall be in violation of subsection A of  
13 this section if the user or seller knows or should know that the  
14 purpose of the software is to circumvent, thwart, interfere with, or  
15 evade a security measure, access control system, or other control or  
16 measure on a ticket seller's Internet website in order to purchase  
17 admission tickets during the initial sale or presale for an event  
18 held at a place of entertainment.

19 C. Any violation of this section shall constitute an unlawful  
20 business practice and shall be subject to the provisions of the  
21 Oklahoma Consumer Protection Act.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.  
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