

SENATE BILL 585

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 11, relative to tickets to events.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 11, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

39-17-1106.

(a) It is an offense for any individual or entity to knowingly sell or offer to sell in this state to another individual or entity more than twenty-five (25) tickets to any single event:

- (1) Located at a place of public entertainment or amusement;
- (2) Open to the general public; and
- (3) For which a ticket is required for admission.

(b) It is an offense for any individual or entity to knowingly purchase or attempt to purchase in this state more than twenty-five (25) tickets to any single event:

- (1) Located at a place of public entertainment or amusement;
- (2) Open to the general public; and
- (3) For which a ticket is required for admission.

(c) It is an offense for any individual or entity to knowingly sell or offer to sell in this state a ticket to an event described in subsections (a) and (b) for a price greater than that printed on the ticket plus any reasonable charge for handling or credit card use.

The price of such ticket shall correspond with the same price shown at the box office or the office of original distribution, unless the sale is conducted under the supervision of the place of public entertainment or amusement.

(d)

(1) A violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor, punishable by a fine only of five hundred dollars (\$500).

(2) Each ticket sold, offered, purchased, or attempted to purchase in violation of this section constitutes a separate violation.

(e) This section shall not apply to the sale or purchase of tickets to a fundraising event by a charitable, scientific, educational, religious, or other nonprofit organization or entity that is exempt from federal income taxation under § 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.