

No. 143. An act relating to preventing ticket scalping.

(H.722)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. Chapter 117 is added to read:

CHAPTER 117. INTERNET SALES

§ 4190. INTERFERING WITH INTERNET TICKET SALES

(a) A person shall not intentionally use a computer program or other software intended to interfere with or circumvent, on a ticket seller's website, an equitable ticket buying process established by the seller for tickets of admission to a sporting event, theatre, musical performance, or place of public entertainment or amusement of any kind.

(b) A person who violates this section, in a civil action brought by the seller, shall be subject to:

- (1) appropriate equitable relief;
- (2) reasonable attorney's fees and costs;
- (3) actual damages suffered; and
- (4) statutory damages of up to \$1,500.00 per ticket, payable to the seller.

Sec. 2. Sec. 13 of No. 78 of the Acts of the 2009 Adj. Sess. (2010) is amended to read:

Sec. 13 FARM-TO-PLATE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

The funds received pursuant to Sec. 7(a) of this act shall be used to further the initiatives of the farm-to-plate investment program established in 10 V.S.A. § 330 and support entities that will enhance the production, storage, processing, and distribution infrastructure of the Vermont food system. The funds shall be competitively awarded by the program director, in consultation with the secretary of agriculture, food and markets and the Vermont sustainable agriculture council, in the form of grants to for-profit and nonprofit entities that are ready to implement their business plans or expand their existing operations to provide additional capacity and services within the food system. The funds also may be used for the coordination and implementation of the recommendations contained in the strategic plan of the farm-to-plate investment program.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Approved: June 1, 2010