1   H.512

2   SHORT FORM

3   Introduced by Representatives Harrison of Chittenden, Bosch of Clarendon,

4   Canfield of Fair Haven, Howard of Rutland City, Howland of

5   Rutland Town, Keyser of Rutland City, Maguire of Rutland

6   City, Malay of Pittsford, McCoy of Poultney, Pinsonault of

7   Dorset, Pritchard of Pawlet, and Winter of Ludlow

8   Referred to Committee on

9   Date:

10   Subject: Commerce and trade; consumer protection; musical performances

11   Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to enhance

12   consumer protection in the event ticketing market by regulating the resale of

13   tickets through improved transparency and the prevention of predatory and

14   deceptive practices. The bill proposes to require entities that resell or facilitate

15   the resale of tickets to guarantee to each purchaser a full refund under certain

16   circumstances; to provide clear, itemized price details, including taxes and

17   fees; to prohibit selling tickets that a reseller does not own or have under

18   contract, unless the reseller provides notice to the purchaser in a clear and

19   conspicuous manner; and to prohibit the use of ticket purchasing software or

20   other methods to bypass online sales limits or other security measures. The

21   bill also proposes to require annual licensing for ticket resellers, require those

1   resellers to maintain a minimum surety bond to cover consumer losses, and

2   require the maintenance of certain records regarding resale transactions.

3   Finally, the bill proposes to provide enforcement authority with the Office of

4   the Attorney General and authorizes the Attorney General to conduct audits for

5   compliance, to issue administrative penalties, and to revoke or suspend a

6   reseller's license under appropriate circumstances. Violations shall constitute

7   an unfair and deceptive act in commerce in violation of 9 V.S.A. § 2453.

8   An act relating to the regulation of the event ticketing market

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

10   (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)