

A bill for an act
relating to crime; establishing offenses involving the sale and purchase of event
tickets; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[609.806] UNLAWFUL CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH TICKET
SALES.**

Subdivision 1. **Prohibited acts.** No operator of any place of entertainment or
agent, representative, employee, or licensee of the operator shall, if a price is charged for
admission, exact, demand, accept, or receive, directly or indirectly, any premium or price
in excess of the established price plus lawful taxes whether designated as price, gratuity,
or otherwise.

Subd. 2. **Penalty.** A person who violates subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 3. **Exception.** Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a service
charge by the operator or the agents of the operator for special services including, but not
limited to, sales away from the box office, credit card sales, or delivery.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2008, and applies to
offenses committed on or after that date.

Sec. 2. **[609.807] UNLAWFUL ACTS IN CONNECTION WITH TICKET
PURCHASES.**

Subdivision 1. **Prohibited acts.** (a) Whoever intentionally uses an automated device
to purchase, within a 24-hour period, more than eight tickets to an event held in the state is
guilty of a misdemeanor.

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2.1 (b) Whoever intentionally uses an automated device to impede, block, or move
2.2 ahead of another person seeking to purchase tickets to an event held in the state is guilty
2.3 of a gross misdemeanor.

2.4 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the terms defined in this
2.5 subdivision have the meanings given them.

2.6 (b) "Event" means a theater performance or show, circus, athletic contest, or other
2.7 entertainment or amusement to which the general public is admitted.

2.8 (c) "Automated device" means a device that after initial human initialization or setup
2.9 generates automated requests for tickets without further human interface. The definition
2.10 includes, but is not limited to, computer software applications.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2008, and applies to
2.12 offenses committed on or after that date.