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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Prohibits the resale of admission tickets for a higher price under certain circumstances and authorizes the resale of tickets via the internet when certain requirements are met.

Present law requires the value of admission tickets to be printed on the face of the ticket.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law prohibits the resale of admission tickets for higher than face value.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law establishes penalties for violations of present law including a fine of not less than \$100 and imprisonment of 30 days nor a fine not more than \$500 and imprisonment of 90 days.

Proposed law retains the present law fine penalties and repeals the present law imprisonment penalties.

Present law authorizes ticket sales at greater than face value for athletic events for colleges and universities when the payment is made directly to the college or university or to the college or university's alumni program or other organization meant to provide the school with financial support.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the resale of admission tickets for higher than face value via the internet when authorized by the event organizer and operator. If such authorization is granted, the seller may sell the ticket on any website, provided the website's operator guarantees a full refund if:

- (1) The event is canceled.
- (2) The buyer is denied entry at no fault of the buyer.
- (3) The ticket is delivered in a manner not stated on the website or not guaranteed by the reseller and the buyer is unable to attend.

Proposed law repeals present law to the extent that no authorization is needed by the organizer or operator as long as the other requirements are met.

Present law requires a website operator to post the guarantee made pursuant to present law on the operator's website and further requires that prospective buyers be directed to the guaranty prior to the transaction.

Present law requires refunds guaranteed pursuant to present law to include all fees incurred during the transaction unless the fees have been declared nonrefundable.

Present law provides for an exception to the provisions of present law relative to internet resale for university sporting event tickets provided to La. legislators and student tickets for sporting events at La. universities.

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 4:1)