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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the resale of tickets;
3	amending s. 817.36, F.S.; revising the price in
4	excess above the retail price which may be
5	charged for the resale of a ticket; providing
6	that criminal penalties for the resale of
7	certain admission tickets do not apply if the
8	resale is conducted under certain
9	circumstances; providing that criminal
10	penalties apply if the ticket for resale is for
11	admission to a theme park or entertainment
12	complex or a permanent exhibition or
13	recreational activity within the theme park or
14	entertainment complex; providing that the act
15	does not preempt the application of the tax on
16	sales to any person who sells or resells any
17	admission ticket governed by the act; amending
18	s. 559.9335, F.S.; exempting sellers of travel
19	from certain restrictions on the resale of
20	admission tickets under certain circumstances;
21	providing an effective date.
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23	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25	Section 1. Section 817.36, Florida Statutes, is
26	amended to read:
27	817.36 Resale of tickets of common carriers, places of
28	amusement, etc
29	(1)(a) Whoever <u>offers</u> shall offer for sale or <u>sells</u>
30	sell any ticket good for passage or accommodations on any
31	common carrier in this state and <u>requests</u> request or <u>receives</u>

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receive a price in excess of <u>25 percent\$1</u> above the retail price charged therefor by the original seller of the said ticket commits shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

- (b) The provisions of This subsection does shall not apply to travel agencies that have an established place of business in this state, which place of business is required to pay state, county, and city occupational license taxes.
- (2)(a) Whoever offers shall offer for sale or sells sell any ticket good for admission to any sporting exhibition, athletic contest, theater, or any exhibition where an admission price is charged and requests request or receives receive a price in excess of 25 percent\$1 above the retail admission price charged therefor by the original seller of the said ticket commits shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.
- (b) Paragraph (a) applies The provisions of this subsection shall apply to travel agencies that have an established place of business in this state, which place of business is required to pay state, county, and city occupational license taxes, unless the such agencies are registered sellers of travel under pursuant to part XI of chapter 559 and adhere to the restriction of selling the said tickets as part of the travel packages specified in that part, and the such travel agencies are reselling the said tickets on behalf of the original sellers of the said tickets. When any original seller of tickets provides a travel agency with tickets in bulk, the travel agent is shall be deemed to be reselling the tickets on behalf of the original seller.

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(c) Paragraph (a) does not apply to any transaction in which the ticket is purchased by means of a credit card or other electronic-payment mechanism that offers full reimbursement for fraud, misrepresentation, or nonperformance unless the ticket for resale is for admission to a theme park or entertainment complex, as defined in s. 509.013(9), or to a permanent exhibition or recreational activity within the theme park or entertainment complex.

(d) This subsection does not preempt the application of chapter 212 to any person who sells or resells any ticket governed by this section.

Section 2. Subsection (8) of section 559.9335, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

559.9335 Violations.--It is a violation of this part for any person:

theme or amusement parks, sporting events, concerts, theater productions, or other entertainment events, in excess of 25 percent\$1 above the retail admission price charged by the original seller of the said tickets, unless the said tickets are part of a prearranged travel package that which includes transportation or accommodations services, or are being resold on behalf of the original seller of the said tickets, and the seller of travel provides either a Florida seller of travel registration number or an Airlines Reporting Corporation agency code number in each advertisement that is placed in newspapers circulated primarily in Florida. When any original seller of tickets provides a seller of travel with tickets in bulk, the seller of travel is shall be deemed to be reselling the tickets on behalf of the original seller. A person does

not violate this subsection if the tickets are sold under s. 2 817.36. 3 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a 4 law. 5 6 7 SENATE SUMMARY 8 Increases, from \$1 to 25 percent above the retail price, the amount a person may charge when reselling a ticket for passage, accommodation, or admission. Provides that 9 criminal penalties for the resale of certain admission 10 tickets do not apply if the resale is conducted under certain circumstances. Provides that criminal penalties 11 do apply if the ticket for resale is for admission to a theme park or entertainment complex or a permanent exhibition or recreational activity within the theme park or entertainment complex. Provides that the act does not 12 preempt the application of the tax on sales to any person 13 who sells or resells any admission ticket governed by the act. Exempts sellers of travel from certain restrictions 14 on the resale of admission tickets under certain 15 circumstances. 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31