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HOUSE BILL 926

Short Title: Ticket Price/Service Fee Exemption.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Holt.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

April 19, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROMOTER AND TICKET SALES AGENT MAY AGREE TO CHARGE A REASONABLE SERVICE FEE THAT EXCEEDS THREE DOLLARS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 14-344 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-344. Sale of admission tickets in excess of printed price.

Any person, firm, or corporation shall be allowed to add a reasonable service fee to the face value of the tickets sold, and the person, firm, or corporation which sells or resells such tickets shall not be permitted to recoup funds greater than the combined face value of the ~~ticket~~ ticket, tax, and the authorized service fee. This service fee may not exceed three dollars (\$3.00) for each ~~ticket~~ ticket except that a promoter or operator of the property where the event is to be held and a ticket sales agency may agree in writing on a reasonable service fee greater than three dollars (\$3.00) for the first sale of tickets by the ticket sales agent. This service fee may be a preestablished amount per ticket or a percentage of each ticket. The existence of the service fee shall be made known to the public by printing or writing the amount of the fee on the tickets which are printed for the event. Any person, firm or corporation which sells or offers to sell a ticket for a price greater than the price permitted by this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), imprisonment for not more than six months, or both."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and

- 1 the provisions of this statute that would be applicable but for this act remain applicable
- 2 to those prosecutions.