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To require transparency of ticket sales, prohibit withholding information on the number of tickets available to inflate prices, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. POU introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Halting Organizers
5 and Live-Event Distributors from Boosting Artificial Ca-
6 pacity with Known Seating Act” or the “HOLDBACKS
7 Act”.

8 **SEC. 2. TICKET SALE TRANSPARENCY.**

9 (a) REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS.—

10 (1) TICKET AVAILABILITY TRANSPARENCY.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
2 subparagraph (B) and not less than 7 days be-
3 fore the date on which tickets are first made
4 available for primary sale, a primary ticket sell-
5 er shall disclose clearly and conspicuously on
6 the website of the seller and at the box office
7 of the venue where an event or performance will
8 be held the following:

9 (i) The total number of scheduled oc-
10 currences at that venue that will be offered
11 for sale to the general public.

12 (ii) The total number of available tick-
13 ets that will be offered for sale to the gen-
14 eral public by the primary ticket seller for
15 each scheduled occurrence.

16 (iii) The total cost of an individual
17 ticket that will be offered for sale to the
18 general public by the seller for each sched-
19 uled occurrence.

20 (B) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (A) does
21 not apply to a sporting event for which the total
22 number of scheduled occurrences is not known
23 due to the contingent length of the sporting
24 event based on the number of wins secured by
25 a team to terminate and end a particular series.

1 (2) PROHIBITION ON TICKET WITHHOLDING
2 AND DYNAMIC PRICING.—A primary ticket seller
3 may not withhold the sale of tickets to the general
4 public for a scheduled occurrence for the purpose
5 of—

6 (A) inflating ticket prices beyond fair mar-
7 ket value based on the availability of tickets
8 known to the primary ticket seller at the time;
9 or

10 (B) concealing or otherwise providing mis-
11 leading information on the number of tickets
12 available for sale to the public after the primary
13 ticket seller begins the initial offering for sale
14 of tickets to the public.

15 (b) ENFORCEMENT BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMIS-
16 SION.—

17 (1) UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRAC-
18 TICES.—A violation of subsection (a) or a regulation
19 promulgated under such subsection shall be treated
20 as a violation of a regulation under section
21 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act
22 (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)) regarding unfair or decep-
23 tive acts or practices.

24 (2) POWERS OF COMMISSION.—The Federal
25 Trade Commission shall enforce subsection (a) and

1 any regulation promulgated under such subsection in
2 the same manner, by the same means, and with the
3 same jurisdiction, powers, and duties as though all
4 applicable terms and provisions of the Federal Trade
5 Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) were incor-
6 porated into and made a part of this section. Any
7 person who violates such subsection or a regulation
8 promulgated under such subsection shall be subject
9 to the penalties and entitled to the privileges and
10 immunities provided in the Federal Trade Commis-
11 sion Act.

12 (c) AUTHORITY PRESERVED.—Nothing in this sec-
13 tion—

14 (1) prevents the attorney general of a State
15 from exercising the powers conferred on the attorney
16 general by the laws of such State to conduct inves-
17 tigations or to administer oaths or affirmations or to
18 compel the attendance of witnesses or the production
19 of documentary and other evidence; and

20 (2) prohibits the attorney general of a State, or
21 other authorized State officer, from proceeding in
22 State or Federal court on the basis of an alleged vio-
23 lation of any civil or criminal statute of that State.

24 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
2 means the Federal Trade Commission.

3 (2) PRIMARY SALE.—The term “primary sale”
4 means, with regards to a ticket, the initial sale of a
5 ticket.

6 (3) PRIMARY TICKET SELLER.—The term “pri-
7 mary ticket seller” means an owner or operator of
8 a venue or sports team, a manager or provider of an
9 event, or a provider of ticketing services (or an
10 agent of such owner, operator, manager, or provider)
11 that engages in the primary or initial sale of tickets
12 for an event to the general public.

13 (4) SCHEDULED OCCURRENCE.—The term
14 “scheduled occurrence” means a single event or per-
15 formance by a team, performer, or artist.

16 (5) TICKET.—The term “ticket” means a print-
17 ed, electronic, or other type of evidence of the right
18 for admission to a sporting event, theater, musical
19 performance, or place of public amusement of any
20 kind, including bundled series tickets.

21 (6) TOTAL COST OF AN INDIVIDUAL TICKET.—
22 The term “total cost of an individual ticket” means
23 the base price of an individual ticket and any charge
24 for an event ticket that must be paid in addition to
25 the base event ticket price in order to obtain an

1 event ticket from the primary ticket issuer, including
2 any service fee, charge and order processing fee, de-
3 livery fee, facility charge fee, tax, and any other
4 charge.

5 (7) TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHEDULED OCCUR-
6 RENCES.—The term “total number of scheduled oc-
7 currences”—

8 (A) means a series of scheduled occur-
9 rences that takes place at a particular venue
10 under the same title; and

11 (B) includes an event or performance in
12 the series with a minor change (such as a
13 change of an opening performer).

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