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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRUZ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to
the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Transparency In
5 Charges for Key Events Ticketing Act” or the “TICKET
6 Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) COMMISSION; EVENT TICKET; TICKET
10 ISSUER.—The terms “Commission”, “event ticket”,

1 and “ticket issuer” have the same meanings as in
 2 the Better Online Ticket Sales Act of 2016 (Public
 3 Law 114–274).

4 (2) BASE EVENT TICKET PRICE.—The term
 5 “base event ticket price” means, with respect to an
 6 event ticket, the price of the event ticket excluding
 7 the cost of any event ticket fees.

8 (3) EVENT.—The term “event” means any live
 9 concert, theatrical performance, sporting event,
 10 show, or similarly scheduled live activity, taking
 11 place in a venue with a seating or attendance capac-
 12 ity exceeding 200 persons that is—

13 (A) open to the general public; and

14 (B) promoted, advertised, or marketed in
 15 interstate commerce, or for which event tickets
 16 are generally sold or distributed in interstate
 17 commerce.

18 (4) TOTAL EVENT TICKET PRICE.—The term
 19 “total event ticket price” means, with respect to an
 20 event ticket, the total cost of the event ticket, includ-
 21 ing the base event ticket price and any event ticket
 22 fees.

23 (5) EVENT TICKET FEE.—The term “event
 24 ticket fee” means a charge that must be paid in ad-
 25 dition to the base event ticket price in order to ob-

1 tain an event ticket from a ticket issuer or sec-
 2 ondary market ticket issuer, including service fees,
 3 charge and order processing fees, delivery fees, facil-
 4 ity charge fees, taxes, and other charges, and does
 5 not include any charge or fee for an optional product
 6 or service associated with the event that may be se-
 7 lected by a purchaser of an event ticket.

8 (6) OPTIONAL PRODUCT OR SERVICE.—The
 9 term “optional product or service” means a product
 10 or service that an individual does not need to pur-
 11 chase to use or take possession of an event ticket.

12 (7) SECONDARY MARKET TICKET ISSUER.—The
 13 term “secondary market ticket issuer” means any
 14 entity for which it is in the regular course of the
 15 trade or business of the entity to resell or make a
 16 secondary sale of an event ticket to the general pub-
 17 lic.

18 (8) RESALE; SECONDARY SALE.—The terms
 19 “resale” and “secondary sale” mean any sale of an
 20 event ticket that occurs after the initial sale of the
 21 event ticket by a ticket issuer.

22 **SEC. 3. ALL-INCLUSIVE TICKET PRICE DISCLOSURE.**

23 Beginning 120 days after the date of enactment of
 24 this Act, it shall be unlawful for a ticket issuer or sec-
 25 ondary market ticket issuer to offer for sale an event tick-

1 et unless the ticket issuer or secondary market ticket
 2 issuer—

3 (1) clearly and conspicuously displays the total
 4 event ticket price, if a price is displayed, in any ad-
 5 vertisement, marketing, or price list wherever the
 6 ticket is offered for sale;

7 (2) clearly and conspicuously discloses to any
 8 individual who seeks to purchase an event ticket the
 9 total event ticket price at the time the ticket is first
 10 displayed to the individual and anytime thereafter
 11 throughout the ticket purchasing process; and

12 (3) provides an itemized list of the base event
 13 ticket price and each event ticket fee.

14 **SEC. 4. ENFORCEMENT.**

15 (a) UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACT OR PRACTICE.—A
 16 violation of section 3 shall be treated as a violation of a
 17 rule defining an unfair or deceptive act or practice under
 18 section 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act
 19 (15 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)).

20 (b) POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall en-
 22 force section 3 in the same manner, by the same
 23 means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and
 24 duties as though all applicable terms and provisions
 25 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41

1 et seq.) were incorporated into and made a part of
2 this Act.

3 (2) PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES.—Any person
4 who violates section 3 shall be subject to the pen-
5 alties and entitled to the privileges and immunities
6 provided in the Federal Trade Commission Act (15
7 U.S.C. 41 et seq.).

8 (3) AUTHORITY PRESERVED.—Nothing in this
9 Act shall be construed to limit the authority of the
10 Commission under any other provision of law.

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