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H. R. 3951

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit ticket scalping.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 1998

Mr. ACKERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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scalping.

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 “Ticket Scalping Reduc-
5 tion Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. TICKET SCALPING PROHIBITED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 89 of title 18, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
9 ing:

1 **“§ 1822. Ticket scalping**

2 “(a) Whoever uses the mails or any facility of inter-
3 state or foreign commerce to scalp 5 or more tickets in
4 a single transaction shall be fined under this title or im-
5 prisoned not more than 2 years, or both.

6 “(b) As used in this section—

7 “(1) the term ‘scalp’, used with respect to a
8 ticket, means resell that ticket, or offer to resell that
9 ticket, at a markup of more than \$5 or 10 percent
10 of the face value of the ticket; and

11 “(2) the term ‘ticket’ means a coupon or simi-
12 lar device used to admit patrons to a public exhi-
13 bition, show, or other event.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of chapter 89 of title 18, United States
16 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
17 item:

“1822. Ticket scalping.”.

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