

Sale of Tickets (Sporting and Cultural Events) Bill

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Make provision about transparency of ticket prices for sporting and cultural events; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Transparency of information on ticket prices and availability

A person offering for sale tickets for sporting or cultural events commits an offence if that person fails to provide any consumers waiting in an online queue to purchase tickets with information on—

- (a) the price of the tickets that are available for the consumer to buy, and 5
- (b) the number of tickets that are available for purchase at that price.

2 Sold prices to be printed on tickets

A person operating a ticketing business for sporting or cultural events commits an offence if they do not print the price the ticket was sold for on the face of the ticket after sale. 10

3 Offences

- (1) A person guilty of an offence under this Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine in England and Wales.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this Act is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale in Scotland. 15

4 Regulations

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations, make provision for—
 - (a) the definition of the following terms for the purpose of this Act—
 - (i) a ticketing business,
 - (ii) a sporting or cultural event, 20
 - (iii) an online queue, and

- (iv) any other terms the Secretary of State considers it necessary to define.
- (b) requirements for information provided under section (1) including—
 - (i) the frequency with which such information should be provided to the consumer, and 5
 - (ii) the size or appearance of the information.
- (2) Before making regulations under subsection (1) the Secretary of State must consult such persons as the Secretary of State considers appropriate.
- (3) Regulations under this Act are to be made by statutory instrument.
- (4) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this Act may not be made unless a draft instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament. 10

5 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales and Scotland.
- (2) This Act shall apply in respect of anything done whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere. 15
- (3) Section (4) of this Act comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) Sections (1) to (3) of this Act come into force at the end of six months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.
- (5) This Act may be cited as the Sale of Tickets (Sporting and Cultural Events) Act 2024. 20

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