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Bill

entitled

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An Act to render it unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale tickets for major sporting, musical or theatrical events for a price in excess of the officially designated price.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Interpretation

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1. For the purpose of this Act—

“a designated price” means the price, including any service charge, designated by an organiser or the organisers of a specified event for the purchase of a ticket for such event and designated prices shall be interpreted accordingly;

“service charge” means any booking charge or fee imposed and printed on the ticket at the time of the initial sale by an authorised person;

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“specified event” means any sporting, musical or theatrical event at which it is reasonable to anticipate more than 300 people will attend;

“ticket” means any document purchased by a person which entitles such person to gain entrance to and attend at a “specified event”.

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Offences

2. (1) It is an offence for a person to sell, or offer or expose for sale in any place a ticket for a specified event for a price in excess of the price officially designated on the ticket by the organiser or organisers of such event.

(2) It is an offence to publish any advertisement for sale by a person of a ticket for a specified event for a price in excess of the price officially designated on the ticket by the organiser or organisers of such event.

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(3) *Subsections (1) and (2)* shall not apply to the exposing for sale or the offer for sale or the advertisement for sale or the sale of a ticket for a specified event—

(a) by or on behalf of a registered charity for the benefit of such charity, or

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(b) by or on behalf of a voluntary or community organisation which undertakes

voluntary or community work,

which has been authorised in writing by an organiser or the organisers of the specified event to sell a ticket for such event for a price in excess of the designated price to facilitate the voluntary or community organisation obtaining funds to facilitate it achieving its objective or objectives.

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Power of An Garda Síochána

3. If a member of An Garda Síochána has reasonable cause for believing that a person is committing or has committed an offence under *section 2(1)*, that member may—
- (a) arrest without warrant the person who has so behaved,
 - (b) for the purpose of making such arrest, enter, if need be by force, and search any place where the member with reasonable cause suspects such person to be, 10
 - (c) confiscate any tickets for a specified event in the possession of the person so arrested or found in any place in which the person is arrested, and
 - (d) upon arrest, make contact with the relevant sporting authority or concert promoter to have the person who has so behaved to be known by the relevant sporting authority or concert promoter. 15

Penalty

4. A person guilty of an offence under this Act shall be liable in respect of each offence committed on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €5,000.

Short title, citation and commencement

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5. (1) This Act may be cited as the Prohibition of Above-cost Ticket Touting Bill 2017.
- (2) This Act comes into operation one month after the date of its passing.

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Costais a Thoirmeasc, 2017

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(mar a tionscnaíodh)

dá ngairtear

Acht dá dhéanamh neamhdhleathach d'aon duine ticéid le haghaidh mórócáidí spóirt, ceoil nó amharclainne a dhíol, nó a thairiscint lena ndíol, ar phraghas is airde ná an praghas atá ainmnithe go hoifigiúil.

*Na Teachtaí Nollaig Mac Concharraige agus
Stephen S. Donnelly a thug isteach,*

31 Eanáir, 2017

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