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HOUSE BILL No. 8694

Introduced by REP. ALFREDO A. GARBIN, Jr., REP. RODEL M. BATOCABE, and
REP. CHRISTOPHER S. CO

AN ACT
PROHIBITING THE SELLING AND/OR BUYING OF ADMISSION TICKETS
OUTSIDE AUTHORIZED TICKET BOOTHS, OUTLET OR PLACE, DESIGNATED
FOR THE PURPOSE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

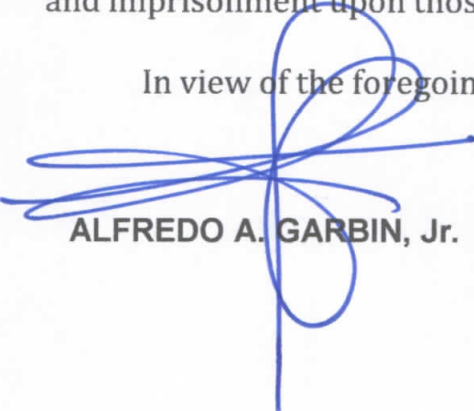
This bill seeks to prohibit the rampant act of "scalping" or the fraudulent act of buying admission tickets for an event, in order to re-sell them at an exorbitant price.

There have been perennial reports of entertainment events that are plagued by 'scalpers' or unscrupulous persons who re-sell tickets outside an event venue at exorbitant prices.

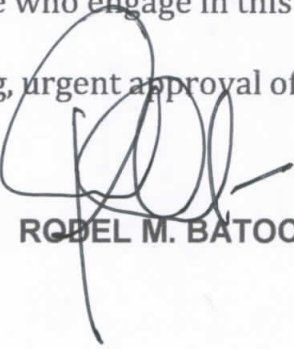
The act of scalping should be prohibited, because it is a fraudulent act which harms the ordinary patrons of an entertainment event, who would need to shell out excessive amounts, just to purchase admission tickets to the event.

This bill proposes to prohibit the act of scalping, and impose penalties of fine and imprisonment upon those who engage in this activity.

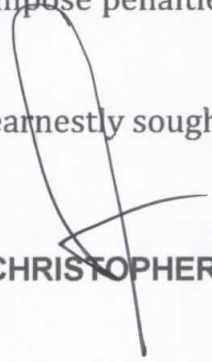
In view of the foregoing, urgent approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the "Anti-Scalping Act of 2018".

Towards this end, the State shall implement measures to protect the consumers against deceptive, unfair and unconscionable sales acts and practices.

- a) "*Scalping*" is the act of any person who, with intent to profit for himself or for another, shall sell or dispose of, or shall buy and sell, or in any other manner deal in tickets for admission to an event without written permission of the owner or operator of the event or property where the event is taking place.
- b) "*Event*" is any sports contest, concert, stage performance, beauty pageant, or any other similar undertaking where tickets are sold for admission.
- c) "*Scalper*" is any person, whether natural or juridical, who engages in the act of scalping.

Section 4. Prohibition Against Scalping – It shall be unlawful for any person, without the written permission of the owner or operator of the property on which an entertainment event is to be held or is being held, to sell a ticket of admission to such entertainment event, which was obtained for the purpose of resale, at a price which is in excess of the price that is printed or endorsed upon the face of the ticket, while on the grounds of or in the stadium, arena, theater, or other place where such an event for which admission tickets are sold is to be held or is being held. *Provided;* That it this prohibition shall apply equally to any person who shall buy admission tickets from persons engaged in scalping. *Provided further;* That it shall also be unlawful for any person to sell complimentary tickets of an entertainment event regardless of

1 amount or form of payment. *Provided, finally;* That it shall also be unlawful for any
2 person to finance, manage, or operate ticket scalping activities.

3 Any official ticket booth that sells or resells admission tickets shall put clear,
4 visible signage in a conspicuous place, warning ticket buyers of the prohibition
5 against ticket scalping and the act of buying tickets from scalpers.

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7 **Section 5. Penalties** – The following penalties shall be imposed upon any person found
8 guilty of any act prohibited in Section 4 hereof:

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10 a. For the first offense, a fine of Forty Thousand pesos (Php40,000.00) or
11 imprisonment of 6 months, or both, at the discretion of the court.
12 b. For the second offense, a fine of One Hundred Thousand pesos (Php100,000.00)
13 or imprisonment of 1 year, or both, at the discretion of the court.
14 c. For the third offense, a fine of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand pesos
15 (Php250,000.00) or imprisonment of 3 years, or both, at the discretion of the
16 court.

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18 **Section 6. Implementing Rules and Regulations** – The Department of Interior and
19 Local Government shall, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of the Act,
20 promulgate the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of the
21 provisions of this Act.

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23 **Section 7. Separability Clause.** - If, for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared
24 invalid or unconstitutional, the other sections or provisions not so declared shall remain
25 in full force and effect.

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27 **Section 8. Repealing Clause.** - All other laws, rules, regulations, decrees, executive
28 orders, and other issuance or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of
29 this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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31 **Section 9. Effectivity** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
32 the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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