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HOUSE BILL NO. 10743



Introduced by **ANG PROBINSYANO**
Partylist Representative Alfred Delos Santos

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislative measure seeks to address the growing problem of ticket scalping in the Philippines. Ticket scalping involves the unauthorized and often illegal buying and reselling of tickets at significantly inflated prices. Studies and reports have shown that such activities not only hinder access to events but also cause substantial financial losses to businesses.

In the Philippines, the sentiment among fans is overwhelmingly negative towards scalping. Many express frustrations over the inequity in ticket distribution, where scalpers acquire and resell tickets at exorbitant prices, often resulting in fans being unable to attend their favorite events. Recent local incidents highlight the urgency of addressing this issue. For example, the arrest of nine individuals during the UAAP basketball finals in Pasay City for selling tickets at prices up to six times their original value underlines the rampant nature of this practice.

The need for a robust legal framework is clear. By establishing stringent anti-scalping laws with severe penalties, this bill aims to protect consumers and ensure fair access to entertainment and sporting events in the Philippines.

It is for the foregoing premises that the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF SCALPING OF ADMISSION
TICKETS OUTSIDE AUTHORIZED TICKET BOOTHS, OUTLETS, OR
PLACES DESIGNATED FOR THE PURPOSE AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES THEREFOR**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* — This Act shall be known as the "Anti-Scalping Act".

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is the policy of the State to protect the interests of the consumer, promote his general welfare and to establish standards of conduct for business and industry.

SECTION 3. *Definition of Scalping* - The act of selling or reselling, or attempted selling or reselling, or act of soliciting or attempted solicitation of admission tickets at a price in excess of the original cost that is printed on the face thereof, in whatever form or medium, outside the authorized official booth, outlet, or place duly designated for the purpose, or from unauthorized websites or online sources, in connection with any entertainment or sporting event, similar undertakings or activities, or any event requiring admission tickets. Provided that any ticketing fee or booking fee paid in the purchase of the ticket is considered included in the original cost of ticket.

SECTION 4. *Prohibition Against Scalping.* — It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any and all kinds of Scalping activities defined in Section 2 hereof, without the written permission of the owner, operator, or manager of the property or venue where the entertainment or sporting event, or any

event requiring admission tickets, is to be held or is being held, or of the event organizer, or of any authorized ticket outlets; Provided further that it shall be equally unlawful to buy an admission ticket from persons engaged in scalping; and Provided finally, that it shall also be unlawful for any person to finance, manage, or operate ticket scalping activities.

SECTION 5. *Penalties.* — The following penalties shall be imposed upon any person found guilty of violating any act prohibited in Section 4 of this Act:

- a. First offense — A fine of not less than One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000) or imprisonment of three (3) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.
- b. Second offense — A fine of not less than Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P200,000) or imprisonment of six (6) months, or both, at the discretion of the court.
- c. Third offense — A fine of not less than Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300,000) or imprisonment of one (1) year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 7. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision of this Act, or part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 8. *Repealing Clause.* — All other laws, presidential decrees, orders, and issuances or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,