

By Mr. Keenan of Blandford, petition of Daniel F. Keenan for legislation to further regulate the sale and resale of tickets to theatrical exhibitions and public amusements. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SALE AND RESALE OF TICKETS TO THEATRICAL EXHIBITIONS AND PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and forty of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by adding after section one hundred and
3 eighty-two A the following section: —

4 Section 182B. In the event of cancellation of any theatrical
5 exhibition, public show, or public amusement or exhibition
6 required to be licensed under section one hundred and eighty-two,
7 whether such cancellation is for one show, one day, or more, the
8 ticket seller or reseller shall refund within seven business days
9 upon request of any affected customer bearing evidence of such
10 purchase, the full price of the ticket or other evidence of right of
11 entry and any fees paid to such seller or reseller in the same form
12 of payment as was the purchase except any service charges as so
13 provided under the provisions of section one hundred and eighty-
14 five D of this chapter. No cancellation fees or other charges may
15 be assessed. The promoters and producers of the cancelled or
16 postponed event shall reimburse any such seller for the price of
17 any ticket or other evidence of right of entry refunded and the
18 seller shall reimburse any such reseller for the price of any ticket
19 or other evidence of right of entry refunded.

1 SECTION 2. Section one hundred and eighty-five D of chapter
2 one hundred and forty of the General Laws is hereby amended
3 in line fifteen by adding after the word "thereto." the following
4 sentence:

3 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the total resale price
4 for any ticket or other evidence of right of entry including the
5 original purchase price, profit, service charges and fees shall not
6 exceed one hundred and ten percent of the original purchase price
7 of said ticket or other evidence of right of entry.

1 SECTION 3. Section 185 G of said chapter 140, as so appearing
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: —

3 The provisions of section one hundred and eighty-two A and
4 the six preceding sections shall not apply to any person, firm or
5 corporation which purchases any tickets or other evidence of entry
6 to theatrical exhibitions, public shows or public amusements or
7 exhibitions with the intent of using the tickets solely for their own
8 use or the use of their invitees, employees and agents and resells
9 them at a price not in excess of their face value should they no
10 longer be able to use them.