

HOUSE BILL No. 4950

June 28, 1989, Introduced by Rep. Willis Bullard and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend section 465 of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, entitled
"The Michigan penal code,"
being section 750.465 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 465 of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of
2 1931, being section 750.465 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 465. (1) The owner, lessee, operator, or manager of
5 each theatre, circus, athletic grounds used for an athletic game,
6 or place of public entertainment or amusement shall have printed
7 on each ticket issued for admission to, or for a seat of, the
-8 theatre, circus, athletic grounds, or place of public
9 entertainment or amusement, in conspicuous type, the price of the
10 ticket, and the number on the seat ~~when each~~ IF THE seat is

1 numbered. The owner, lessee, operator, or manager also shall
2 print or endorse on the ticket the charge in excess of the box
3 office price at which the ticket is sold if the ticket is pur-
4 chased at a location other than the box office where the event
5 occurs and the following statement: "This ticket may be pur-
6 chased at the box office price without the surcharge by purchas-
7 ing the ticket at the box office where the event is scheduled to
8 occur."

9 (2) A person owning, occupying, managing, or controlling a
10 building, room, park or enclosure for the sale of tickets for a
11 theatre, circus, athletic game, or place of public entertainment
12 or amusement, who asks, demands, or receives from a person for
13 the sale of the ticket to a theatre, circus, athletic grounds, or
14 place of public entertainment or amusement, a price in excess of
15 the general admission advertised or charged for the same privi-
16 lege, or a person, who by himself or herself or his or her agent
17 or employee, offers for sale upon a public place or thoroughfare,
18 a ticket to a theatre, circus, athletic grounds, or place of
19 public entertainment or amusement, for admission to, or for a
20 seat or other privilege in a theatre, circus, athletic grounds,
21 or place of public entertainment or amusement, at a price in
22 excess of ~~that~~ \$1.00 OVER THE PRICE demanded or received from
23 the general public for the same privilege, or in excess of \$1.00
24 OVER the advertised or printed rate, shall be punished as pro-
25 vided in subsection (6). ~~, except if the request, demand, or~~
26 ~~receipt is with the written permission of the owner, lessee,~~
27 ~~operator, or manager of the theatre, circus, athletic grounds, or~~

~~1 place of public entertainment or amusement where the event~~
~~2 occurs. If the owner, lessee, operator, or manager permits, in~~
~~3 writing, a charge in excess of the box office price, the permis-~~
~~4 sion shall be limited to~~ IF A SURCHARGE OF \$1.00 OR LESS IS
5 ADDED TO THE PRICE OF THE TICKET, the sales of tickets SUBJECT TO
6 THAT SURCHARGE SHALL TAKE PLACE at locations other than the box
7 office where the event occurs.

8 (3) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (2), a person
9 shall not establish an agency or suboffice for the sale of a seat
10 ticket of admission to a theatre, circus, athletic grounds, or
11 place of public entertainment or amusement at a price greater
12 than the sale of a seat ticket at the box office of the theatre,
13 circus, athletic grounds, place of public entertainment or amuse-
14 ment, or in excess of the advertised price of the seat ticket.

15 (4) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (2), the
16 owner, lessee, operator, or occupant of a building, room, enclo-
17 sure, or other place open to the public, who permits a person to
18 sell or exhibit for sale in the building, room, enclosure, or
19 other place open to the public, 1 or more tickets for a theatre,
20 circus, athletic grounds, or place of public entertainment or
21 amusement, for more than the price printed on the ticket, shall
22 be liable and guilty equally as the person.

23 (5) If the owner, lessee, operator, or manager of a circus,
24 theatre, athletic grounds, or place of public entertainment or
25 amusement has sold a ticket or admission to a person, under
26 restrictive conditions and at a less rate than the general
27 admission charged, and whose name appears on the face of the

1 ticket or is registered in the office of the owner, lessee,
2 operator, or managers as the holder of the ticket and if it is
3 printed on the face of the ticket that the ticket is nontransfer-
4 able and sold only to the person whose name appears on the face
5 of the ticket or is registered, the holder of the ticket shall
6 not sell the ticket to another person, and a person selling the
7 ticket shall be punished as provided in subsection (6).

8 (6) A person who violates this section is guilty of a
9 misdemeanor.