

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed House Bill 934 – *Consumer Protection – Resale of Tickets – Disclosures and Refunds*.

This bill defines a “speculative ticket” as a ticket that is not in the actual or constructive possession of the reseller at the time of sale; and prohibits a ticket reseller from selling, or offering to sell, a speculative ticket unless the reseller discloses certain information to a prospective purchaser at the outset of the sales transaction.

This bill also requires a ticket reseller to refund any consideration or deposit paid for tickets if the reseller fails to obtain the tickets (1) within 24 hours after the approximate date of specified delivery, but before the commencement of the event; or (2) in conformity with the disclosures required by the bill. Additionally, the bill requires that a reseller must make any refund required by the bill within 10 days after the final day of the event for which the tickets were sold; and provides that a violation of this bill is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act, subject to its civil and criminal penalty provisions.

Senate Bill 891, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 934.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor