

1 Bill Number 107b
2 A BILL introduced by David Lee
3 Representing: Maumelle High School
4 Assigned to the Committee on Appropriations (A)
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6 A BILL RECOMMENDING TO THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROHIBIT THE
7 RESALE OR “SCALPING” OF ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS CURRENTLY STILL IN ACTIVE
8 PRODUCTION OR FOR PRE-SALE AT A HIGHER PRICE THAN ITS ORIGINAL VALUE.
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10 Whereas, the Arkansas general assembly has prohibited the reselling or “scalping” of tickets to any
11 athletic event (including high school and college), any event where the proceeds go to charity, or any
12 music entertainment event at more than its face value price; and
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14 Whereas, the advent of scalping of entertainment items has increased due to online sales and coupled
15 with a lower quantity of available items have made it easy for these scalpers. The profits off of this
16 “Price Gouging” has created an unchecked and legally questionable market worth millions of dollars
17 a year.
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19 Whereas, Arkansas’ relatively small population has allowed scalping of certain items to go
20 unchecked. For example, these scalpers buy out items to resell later. This reseller market has also
21 made customers more susceptible to counterfeit products; and
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23 Whereas, the resale of pre-orders which according to federal law is allowed, unless the customer is
24 deliberately deceived as to the date of arrival for said product or is not informed of the later release.
25 However, pre-sales have a set quantity that can be exploited by scalpers that prevents the public from
26 pre-ordering, where upon the scalper earns the most revenue from the inflated price as opposed to the
27 legitimate manufacturer.
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29 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 2016 ARKANSAS STUDENT CONGRESS,
30 THE FOLLOWING:
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32 SECTION I: That the Arkansas General Assembly ensure that the reselling of entertainment items
33 such as Toys, Electronic Games, Books, Movies, and Music is strictly prohibited.
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35 SECTION II: This act will be implemented and administered immediately upon passage by Arkansas
36 Law Enforcement. Violators will face similar repercussions as the previous legislation for the
37 reselling of tickets at high market value, which include fines for those found guilty of scalping which
38 can range from \$25 to \$500, with every sale or offer for sale being considered a separate offense.
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40 SECTION III: This act will require no additional funding, as offenders will only have to pay a fine
41 rather than jail-time. Although depending on if the offender has already made transactions relating to
42 scalping, reparations to the victims may be needed to return their money.

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