





New ticket scalping laws proposed for South **Australia**

Dear Member

Last week, the South Australian government introduced new ticket scalping laws (Fair Trading (Ticket Scalping) Amendment Bill 2018) into parliament. The proposed amendments will repeal the current ticket scalping provisions in the Major Events Act 2013 and are modelled on the NSW ticket scalping

WHAT'S IN THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION?

The proposed laws will only apply if the ticket terms and conditions include a resale restriction. The proposed laws:

- 1. Prohibit the use of software to bypass website security measures to purchase tickets.
- 2. Place a 10% price cap on ticket resale. Tickets cannot be resold for more than 110% of the original ticket price.
- 3. Require the following information to be provided when a ticket is offered for resale:
 - original ticket price
 - location from which ticket holder can view the event (e.g. bay, row, seat number).
- 4. Prohibit the ability to resell a ticket contingent upon buying something else or as part of a package (unless authorised by the event organiser).
- 5. Ensure owners of advertising publications (i.e. websites, newspapers, magazines etc) take reasonable steps to not publish prohibited advertisements, such as advertisements seeking to resell tickets in contravention of the price cap.
- 6. Require event organisers to disclose the number of tickets available for general public salethrough the authorised seller, if the responsible Minister 'declares' the event.
- 7. Prohibit the ability for event organisers to cancel tickets if tickets are resold within the price cap.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The government's media statement can be found here. A copy of the proposed legislation can be found <u>here</u>.

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