

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Bill 25

(2011, chapter 22)

An Act to prohibit the resale of tickets at a price above that authorized by the producer of the event

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

This Act prohibits a merchant from selling tickets at a price above that announced by the authorized vendor.

It provides, however, that the prohibition does not apply to a merchant who meets certain conditions.

A ticket is defined as a document or instrument giving admission to entertainment of any kind.

### LEGISLATION AMENDED BY THIS ACT:

- Consumer Protection Act (R.S.Q., chapter P-40.1).

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### THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- **1.** The Consumer Protection Act (R.S.Q., chapter P-40.1) is amended by inserting the following section after section 236:
- **"236.1.** No merchant may sell a ticket to a consumer at a price above that announced by the vendor authorized to sell the tickets by the producer of the event.

The prohibition set out in the first paragraph does not apply to a merchant who

- (a) has the prior authorization of the producer of the event to resell a ticket at a higher price;
- (b) resells the ticket in a manner that is compliant with the agreement the merchant entered into with the producer of the event;
  - (c) clearly informs the consumer before reselling the ticket
- i. of the identity of the authorized vendor referred to in the first paragraph, of the fact that tickets may be available from the latter and of the advertised price of the tickets;
- ii. that the ticket is being resold and, where applicable, of the maximum resale price agreed to by the producer of the event.

For the purposes of this section, "ticket" means any document or instrument that upon presentation gives the ticket holder a right of entry to a show, sporting event, cultural event, exhibition or any other kind of entertainment."

**2.** This Act comes into force on the date to be set by the Government.