HOUSE No. 259

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel R. Carey

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act ensuring transparent ticket pricing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Daniel R. Carey	2nd Hampshire	1/20/2023
John C. Velis	Hampden and Hampshire	1/26/2023
Peter Capano	11th Essex	1/26/2023
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	1/26/2023
Joseph D. McKenna	18th Worcester	1/26/2023
Patricia A. Duffy	5th Hampden	1/26/2023
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	1/26/2023
Marcus S. Vaughn	9th Norfolk	1/27/2023
Ryan C. Fattman	Worcester and Hampden	1/27/2023
John Barrett, III	1st Berkshire	1/27/2023
Jacob R. Oliveira	Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester	1/27/2023
Steven Owens	29th Middlesex	1/29/2023
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	1/29/2023
Ryan M. Hamilton	15th Essex	1/30/2023
Samantha Montaño	15th Suffolk	2/2/2023
David K. Muradian, Jr.	9th Worcester	2/6/2023
Patrick M. O'Connor	First Plymouth and Norfolk	2/8/2023
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	2nd Berkshire	2/9/2023

Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	2/15/2023
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	2/16/2023
Patrick Joseph Kearney	4th Plymouth	2/16/2023
Kate Lipper-Garabedian	32nd Middlesex	2/22/2023

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By Representative Carey of Easthampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 259) of Daniel R. Carey and others relative to ensuring transparent ticket pricing. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 140 of the General Laws is amended by adding after section 182A the following new section:

Section 182B. Every licensed operator or operator's agent of a place of entertainment, any licensee or other ticket reseller, or platform that facilitates the sale or resale of tickets for admission or other evidence of right of entry to any theatrical exhibition, public show or public amusement or exhibition required to be licensed by sections one hundred eighty-one and one hundred eighty-two to which a price is charged shall disclose the total cost of the ticket, inclusive of all ancillary fees that must be paid in order to purchase the ticket, and disclose in a clear and conspicuous manner the total price of the ticket and the portion of the ticket price stated in dollars that represents a service charge, or any other fee or surcharge to the purchaser. Such disclosure of the total cost and fees shall be displayed in the ticket listing prior to the ticket being selected for purchase. Disclosures of subtotals, fees, charges, and any other component of the

- total price shall not be false or misleading, and must be presented in the same size as the total
- price. The price of the ticket shall not increase during the purchase process, excluding reasonable
- 15 fees for the delivery of non-electronic tickets based on the delivery method selected by the
- purchaser, which shall be disclosed prior to accepting payment therefor.