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SENATE . . . . . No. 211

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Cronin

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 to facilitate the purchase of certain event tickets.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
John J. Cronin	*Worcester and Middlesex*	
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*10/16/2025*
Pavel M. Payano	*First Essex*	*12/2/2025*

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By Mr. Cronin, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 211) of John J. Cronin for legislation relative to the reselling of certain event tickets. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act to facilitate the purchase of certain event tickets.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith remove regulatory burdens on businesses, including nonprofits, that exhibit and sell tickets to their own licensed theatrical and other public exhibitions and shows, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

Section 185A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 249 of chapter 238 of the acts of 2024, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:

(a) No person shall engage in the business of reselling tickets to any theatrical exhibition, public show or public amusement or exhibition required to be licensed under sections 181 and 182 or under chapter 128A, or facilitating a mechanism for 2 or more parties to participate in the resale of any ticket of admission thereto, whether such business is conducted on or off the premises on which such ticket or other evidence is to be used, without being licensed by the commissioner of occupational licensure.